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First division clubs pull out of Football League

Kelly: hopes to go ahead with super league

By Peter Ball

THE 103-year-old structure of the Football League collapsed yesterday when the 22 first division clubs handed in their notice of resignation. Their action, on the eve of the English season's opening today, leaves the league without a functioning management committee.

The clubs intend to join a new premier league run by the Football Association, the game's overall governing body in England, after a decision in the High Court in July permitting the FA to set up its own league.

The Football League however, intends to appeal against the High Court decision in an attempt to enforce a three-year notice period. The clubs and Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, hope to go ahead next season, making this the League's last season as the game's flagship in England.

The appeal court action, if it takes place, may not be the only threat to the breakaway league, which is supported by the "big five" clubs — Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur — and the other first division clubs but vigorously opposed by the second, third and fourth division clubs.

The Professional Footballers Association (PFA), whose chief executive Gordon Taylor played a decisive part in thwarting earlier attempts to set up a super league by the leading clubs, has declared that it will defend the integrity of the league, with the chairman, Brian Marwood, of Sheffield United this week refusing to discount strike action.

The players, and indeed the clubs left behind, fear that the breakaway league will take the lion's shares of commercial revenue generated by the game at the expense of the rest, leaving a large number of clubs facing extinction. They also insist that they should be given a voice in the game's counsels. The FA's unilateral decision this week, taken without consultation, to impose mandatory drug tests has also run into PFA hostility.

Earlier this week it was questionable whether the league could start its season today after a dispute over regulation 10, which requires clubs to give three years' notice to withdraw from the league. The confusion was finally averted, and the games will go ahead today. The future, however, is uncertain. The first division's action followed a breakdown at this week's management committee meetings over whether to lodge an appeal against the High Court judgment.

Having been adjourned after seven hours in London on Monday, the meeting reconvened at Newcastle on Thursday, and broke up in the small hours of Friday morning when the three first division representatives, Ian Stott of Oldham, Maxwell Holmes of Leeds United, and Robert Chase of Norwich, walked out to prevent the committee devolving their functions onto a sub-committee as a way out of the impasse.

The most likely solution for the league in the short term seems to be an approach to the courts to appoint an administrator, with Arthur Sandford, the league's chief executive, taking the crucial decision to lodge an appeal, which has to be done by the end of the month, two weeks before the first division clubs overturn regulation 10 at an extraordinary general meeting.

Yesterday Rick Parry, the chairman of the first division clubs, was scathing about the failure of the league to prepare for the superleague. "We have never wanted to be provocative," Parry insisted. "All we want to do is talk sensibly about the future." His pleading would have been more convincing had it not been that the three first division members present were acting under instruction.

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RACY FASTNET

All characters have the same smile, a sudden baring of the teeth and jerking back of the head as if in joyful, ferocious contention with a Force 10 gale

Laura Thompson plays the Tart in *The Fastnet*, the annual upper-middle-class comedy **Page 31**

SEA CHANGE

At the age of six Moura Lympany was dispatched, with a label round her neck, on the Ostend ferry. Three years and many Belgian nuns later she could play all 48 of Bach's preludes **Saturday review**

TWO RONS

The best job in football? Big Ron had no doubt but Ron Atko was not so sure. Simon Barnes on the ultimate manager **Review**

ALL THAT GLISTERS

Sarah Don and her husband were at the heart of the Designer Decade until the recession tarnished their image **Review**

Loyalists' gunmen target key republicans

By Richard Duce and Richard Ford

LOYALIST paramilitaries are raising the stakes in Northern Ireland's raging sectarian war by abandoning random attacks on catholics and instead targeting prominent republicans.

Two republicans were killed in separate shootings yesterday, taking to six the death toll in tit-for-tat attacks this week. Both had strong links with the republican movement: one was a leading member of an IRA splinter group, the other a member of Sinn Fein.

Earlier in the week, loyalists shot another Sinn Fein member and yesterday the Ulster Freedom Fighters gave a warning of more such attacks, saying: "While the Protestant genocide continues, the republican movement will pay a heavy price."

The latest wave of killings comes after a ten-week ceasefire observed by the loyalists during the talks on Peter Brooke's initiative and had been predicted by the RUC chief constable, Hugh Annersley. The scale of the violence has alarmed protestant and catholic church leaders, who yesterday united in an appeal for calm. But it was also seen as a sign of desperation on the part of the killers.

Cardinal Cahal Daly, Roman Catholic primate of all Ireland, said events had taken a very, very serious sectarian turn. "The objective is simply to keep the campaign going and to prove that they can keep the campaign going by keeping the campaign going. It isn't going anywhere." Archbishop Robin Eames, the Church of Ireland primate, described the killings as "naked sectarianism".

The two churchmen were speaking on Radio Four's *The World at One* programme, where they were joined by Séamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. He said: "There is an air of desperation among the paramilitary groups. That desperation is springing mainly from the fact that they realise the futility of the violence that they have been using for this past 20 years."

Yesterday's victims were Martin O'Prey, a leading member an IRA splinter group, and Thomas Donaghy, a Sinn Fein member with a record of terrorism. Mr O'Prey was killed and his daughter was injured when gunmen burst into his home in the Divis Flats area of Belfast. The UFF shot Mr Donaghy as he arrived for work at an eel fishery on the banks of the Bann in County Londonderry.

Mr O'Prey was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1985 after being convicted of the murder of an Ulster Defence Regiment soldier, but was later freed on appeal. Mr Donaghy was sentenced to 19 years in prison in September 1978 on several terrorist charges including IRA membership, attempting to murder members of the security forces, firearms offences and causing an explosion. He was released in July 1988.

Mr Donaghy's brother, Johnny, said that police had told him recently he would be dead before Christmas.

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Inflation to hit 4% target

By Anatole Kaletsky
ECONOMICS EDITOR

INFLATION seems well on course to hit the Treasury's year-end target of 4 per cent or less after falling to 5.5 per cent for the year to July from 5.8 per cent in each of the two previous months.

Food prices fell sharply in July and a half-point cut in mortgage rates took effect. But the government's own preferred measure of "underlying inflation", the retail prices index excluding mortgage interest payments, remained much higher, at 6.8 per cent in July. This figure was down slightly on the 6.9 per cent reported in June but higher than May's 6.6 per cent.

The figures were exactly as expected and had little impact on markets but the FT-SE 100 index of shares managed to close 3.8 points up at a record 2621.0. Most analysts said that inflation was under control and prospects for further improvements were clear enough to remove any obstacles to lower interest rates.

But Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, said: "The scope for further regular reductions in interest rates, of the sort we have seen on seven occasions in the last few months, must be less than it was." He added that future prosperity depended crucially on bringing down inflation, which had dropped dramatically.

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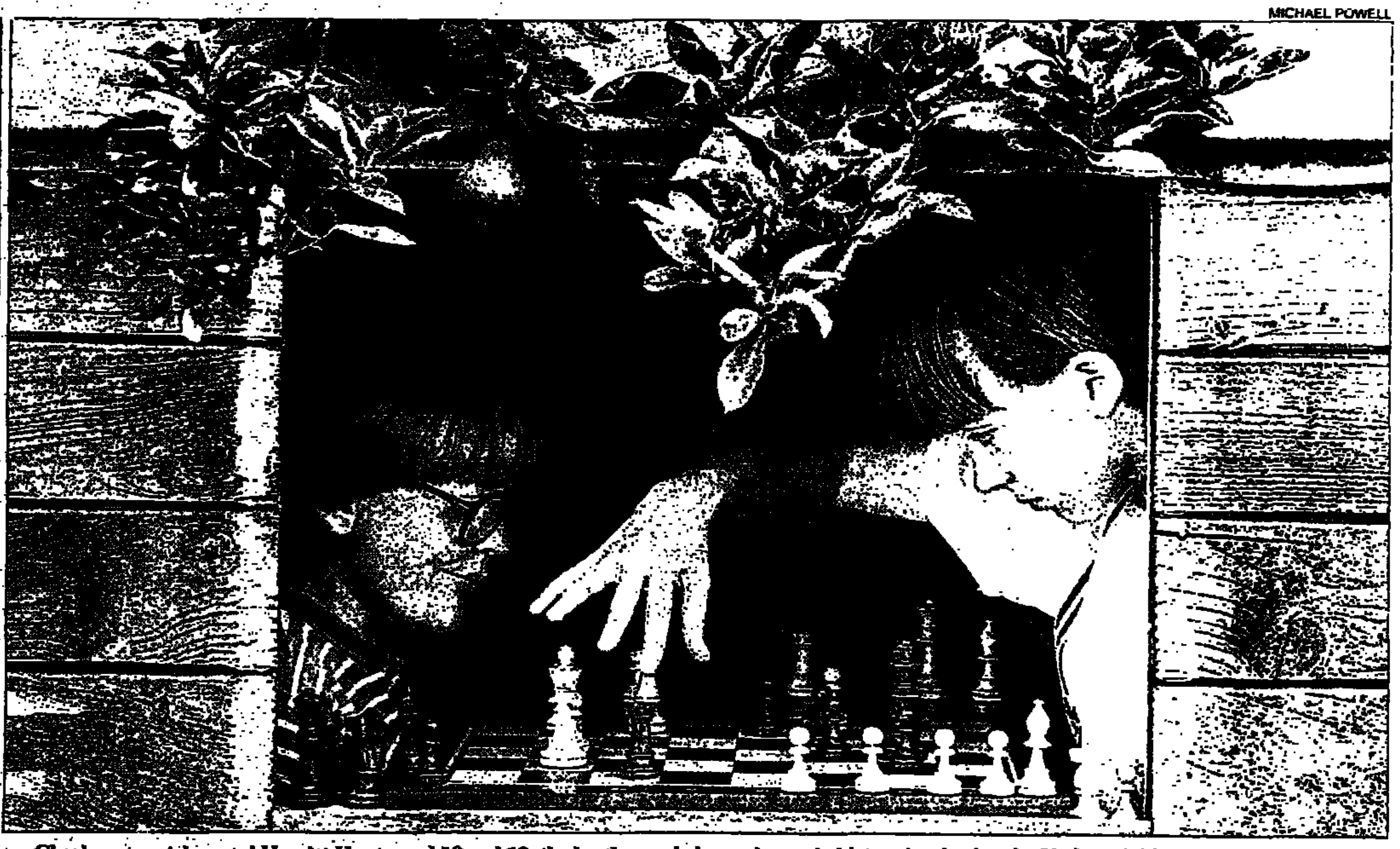
MICHAEL POWELL



Check mates: Adam and Harriet Hunt, aged 10 and 13, the brother and sister who made history by sharing the Under-14 title at the British Chess Championships, practising in their summer-house in Oxford for today's Lloyds Bank masters tournament in London. World chess, page 3

Bentley case to be reviewed after 39 years

By Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent

ONE of the oldest and most contentious files in Britain's unholy library of disputed court verdicts has been reopened by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary. He has asked police to review the case of Derek Bentley, hanged in 1952 for murdering a policeman.

To the delight of Bentley's supporters, whose struggle to clear his name began more than 20 years earlier than the birth of the campaigns to free the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six, the Metropolitan Police have begun scrutinising new evidence said to cast doubt on Bentley's conviction.

Campaigners now believe there is a real prospect that Bentley, a mentally retarded epileptic, will receive a posthumous pardon.

The murder occurred in November 1952 when policemen caught Bentley and an accomplice, Christopher Craig, who were trying to break into a warehouse in Streatham, south London.

Although the fatal shot was fired by Craig, Bentley was said by the prosecution to have given him decisive encouragement by shouting: "Let him have it, Chris." Craig, who at 16 was not old enough to receive the death penalty, was sent to a young offenders' prison, but Bentley, aged 19, was hanged. Craig was released from jail after serving ten years.

Bentley's sentence was seen by many, even at the time, as unfair as he had been unarmed and had been under arrest for around 20 minutes when Craig shot Police Constable Sidney Miles, from Croydon, south London. More than 100,000 people signed a petition demanding a reprieve, but their appeal was rejected.

In recent years demands for a posthumous pardon for Bentley, who was unable to read or write, have been fuelled by a series of investigative books and television programmes on the shooting, which caused widespread public revulsion.

Last year *Thames Reports* uncovered five new witnesses who cast doubt on the official version of events. They included Claude Pain, one of the policeman who witnessed the shooting, who said he never heard Bentley's celebrated exhortation to Craig. Campaigners, however, point out that even if Bentley did utter the words,

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UN says no real barrier to release of hostages

By Ali Jaber in Beirut and David Watts in London

THERE are no substantial barriers to the release of Western hostages in Lebanon according to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general.

"I have all reasons to believe that something may happen in a matter of weeks, but I cannot give any assurances. But I am very, very hopeful," he said in Lucerne.

Equally upbeat as he prepared to leave RAF Lyneham for a secret destination was John McCarthy, the former hostage, who has been receiving cards and letters from well-wishers at the rate of 300 a day. Mr McCarthy, who leaves today, said: "I am feeling very well. People have sent me books and cards and I am very touched to receive them. It is great to be back. I am overwhelmed by the cards. They are from everybody and everywhere."

McCarthy: admiring a card yesterday

Asked what complications were hindering a solution, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar replied: "Nothing. I think we have to go into details about the deal we are discussing."

There was an equally positive signal from the Israelis last night when Uri Lubrani, their hostage negotiator, said that Israel was ready to make a "goodwill gesture" after it receives word on the fate of its seven servicemen missing in Lebanon. But Sheikh Muhammad Husain Fadlallah, believed to be an important influence on the hostage-takers, said in Beirut that the Americans were now the principle barrier to a deal and accused Washington of blocking mediation efforts.

Sheikh Fadlallah, who was one of the first clerics to call for the hostages' release, said at prayers in a Beirut mosque that nobody knew where the missing Israeli airman, Ron Arad, was. He is believed by many to be the sole survivor of the seven.

Sheikh Fadlallah claimed that the Bush administration was "playing the same game which Reagan played in 1980 when he plotted with Iran to delay the release of the embassy hostages so that Carter would not have any political gain in the election campaign. The United States holds all the elements for a speedy solution to the hostages' crisis."

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Taking the fearsome vampire bat to heart

I can only work nights.
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By Nick Nuttall
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE vampire bat's fearsome image as an angel of disease and death might be soon transformed into one of mercy and healing, medical scientists said yesterday. A substance has been isolated in the animals' saliva which might be the key to a new generation of safer and more powerful drugs for preventing heart attacks.

Tests on rabbits have found that the substance, a protein used by vampires to keep the blood flowing while feeding on cattle and other warm blooded creatures, will dissolve clots, unclogging an artery twice as fast as conventional man-made drugs. Unlike many conventional drugs, which can trigger harmful side-effects such as internal bleeding, the bat protein "restricts its activity to the area of the clot" say the researchers. The findings, reported in the journal *Circulation*, have been made by an American team at the laboratories of Merck, Sharp and Dohme in West Point, Pennsylvania.

Roy Walker, the company's manager of scientific information, said that the findings from the two-year research programme were preliminary, but added that the substance appeared to have real promise. Harvesting the vampire bat's drug would not require the establishment of battery farms. The researchers have also isolated the gene controlling the anti-coagulant's production and have inserted it into bacteria which make the protein on demand.

Mr Walker said the company was also investigating similiar substances produced in blood-sucking ticks and leeches as well as "other exotic sources". This marriage of biotechnology and naturally occurring pharmaceuticals from animals and plants highlights the way many of the world's big and small drug companies are turning to nature for the treatments of the future.

A rival firm, Genetech, has announced that its scientists have isolated and mapped another potential anti-clot drug, kistrin, from the venom of the Malayan pit viper. Other researchers have been reporting a flurry of discoveries, including antibiotics in the skins of frogs and compounds found in spiders, wasps and snails' venom that might be useful in the treatment of strokes and dementias.

Some of these discoveries have been made by chance. Others have come from analysing plants and, as in the case of the vampire bat substance, observing animal behaviour. More recently, researchers have begun tapping the centuries-old knowledge of tribal doctors living in the world's rainforests.

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Classic bid runs against deadline in radio licence battle

Hanson: his consortium submitted lowest bid

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

SPECULATION on who will emerge the victor in the drawn-out battle for the first independent national radio (INR) licence reached fever pitch yesterday as Classic FM rushed to prove it has secured the financial backing it needs to sustain its £626,000 bid.

The classical radio consortium has been given a final deadline of 10:30am on Monday to provide the Radio Authority with solid evidence that its bid is achievable after the failure of Showtime Radio, declared the winner last month with a £1.75 million bid, to find investors.

If Classic fails to assure the authority, the licence will automatically be awarded to UK FM, Lord Hanson's easy-listening consortium, which submitted the lowest bid at about £350,000. It is thought unlikely that the authority will agree on Monday to Showtime's request for four more weeks to raise funds.

Peter Baldwin, the authority's chief executive, said: "We do not want another situation like the one we just had, or are having. Classic has to present us with a business plan that is achievable." He added that the non-pop FM licence could be awarded to UK FM as soon as Monday afternoon if members of the authority refuse to grant Classic an extension should it miss its deadline.

However, David Astor, Classic FM chairman, said last night he was confident his consortium would win. "We have got our assurances," he said. Others in the industry were not so sure, saying late yesterday afternoon that they believed Classic was still wooing potential investors, such as Time Warner, the US media conglomerate which recently took a stake in TVS Entertainment, the independent television company.

Classic FM withdrew from the bidding a month before the May application deadline, saying a classical format was not commercially viable after Carlton Communications and *The Daily Telegraph* withdrew as shareholders. It returned to the fray only after GWR, the West Country commercial station, came in at the eleventh hour as Classic's largest shareholder. However GWR is now thought to have reduced its stake, requiring the search for another shareholder. UK FM, backed by Radio Clyde and Scottish Television, said yesterday it had the money and all but one written reconfirmation, which will be signed on Monday when the investor returns from holiday.

Jimmy Gordon, chief executive of Radio Clyde, said: "I would be very surprised if either Showtime or Classic is granted an extension. They should not have bid in the first place if they did not have the money."

Richard Findlay, chief executive-designate of UK FM, added: "Everyone has had since January to raise money. It is nonsense that people are plucking bids out of the air and putting them on the table without being able to pay for them."

Baldwin: Classic must have achievable plan

Labour delights at fall in members

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

THE Labour leadership has succeeded in crushing one of the remaining bastions of Militant Tendency supporters, the Young Socialists.

After a six-year campaign to cleanse the party of extremist elements, Labour has wrested control of the youth movement from the YS which once boasted an estimated 10,000 members. The latest figures put membership at 250.

As part of the purge of Militant, Neil Kinnock has fought for a broader-based youth movement. In recent years the party leadership has weakened the YS's control by reducing the membership age from 26 to 23, abolishing its seat on the National Executive Committee and axing its newspaper *Socialist Youth*.

Alun Parry, the moderate Liverpool student, now occupies the "youth" seat on the NEC and young members are encouraged to cut their teeth with their older comrades in the constituencies, party organisations and trade unions.

Neil Usher, Labour's youth and student officer, said on BBC Radio 4's *World At One* programme yesterday: "Young members do not have to join the Young Socialists and the vast majority do not, partly because Militant has controlled the YS for the past two decades. This figure of 250 is a pretty sad indictment of Militant's control."

Tony Sannious, the YS representative on the NEC in 1977, denied that the young had turned away from YS because of Militant's influence. "What he [Mr Kinnock] has succeeded in doing, by utilising the old methods of stalinism, is to expel active fighting socialists from the Labour party, and unfortunately from the YS as well."

Airlines confused over plea to check jets' thrust systems

By Peter Victor

RESPONSE to aviation authority requests for checks on the controls of thrust reverse systems on passenger jets was confused yesterday as airlines operating out of British airports considered whether the directive applied to them.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has called for checks on electrical systems governing reverse thrusters on certain jet engines in the wake of the Lauda Air disaster, in which the thruster was activated on one of the jet's Pratt and Whitney engines. Yesterday, the Civil Aviation Authority was expected to follow suit. United States airlines in particular believe that the directive does not apply to them, or were even unaware of it.

British Airways, the largest British carrier, yesterday began checks on Boeing 767s after irregularities were found in some thrust reverser systems. A spokesman said that checks were being made during routine maintenance. "No jets have been grounded," he said. "We have Rolls-Royce engines, and this is a purely precautionary measure."

BA said there was no direct connection between the irregularities and the investigation into the Lauda Air accident, in Thailand in May, in which a Boeing 767-300 suddenly went into reverse and crashed into the jungle, killing all 222 people on board. The earlier irregularities were found in thrust reverse systems on 767s powered by Pratt and Whitney 4000 series engines.

Other airlines are checking the electrical controls on thrust reversers. Some, however, were confused yesterday by the FAA directive. The authority has asked that all the reverse systems on Pratt and Whitney 4000 series engines, as fitted to some Boeing 767s, be disconnected. The disconnection, which takes about two hours, must be carried out within the next seven days.

Britannia Airways said yesterday that the directive was intended only for carriers using the electrical control system. "Our thrust reversers are mechanically operated," it said. The company called back later to say that it was awaiting another directive from the British authority.

American Airlines said that it had different engines to those addressed by the directive. "That particular directive does not apply to us," it said. Again the company called back; it said that it had received the FAA directive, and added: "It seems the FAA is asking us to check all Boeings. It's not just Pratt and Whitney engines, it's everybody."

Delta Airlines said yesterday that it had no information on the directive, asking: "When was that statement made?"

United Airlines said it was checking four of its twenty-three 767s as they were the only ones with Pratt and Whitney engines. It said: "We have nineteen 767 200 series, which are not powered by this type of engine. They are used primarily for domestic flights. The order does not affect these."

Dick Stafford, for the FAA, said that there should be no confusion. "The directive relates to planes using the Pratt and Whitney 4000 series engine using electrical reverse thrust control systems," he said. "They [the airlines] know what's concerned and they know exactly which aircraft are involved. There is no confusion. If any airlines are confused, send them to us. I don't know what they're talking about."

RIBA head deplores prince's resignation

By Marcus Binney, Architecture Correspondent

THE president of the Royal Institute of British Architects has deplored the Prince of Wales's resignation as patron of the National Museums of Scotland just as the winner of a competition for an extension to the museum in Edinburgh was announced.

"The profession is deeply disturbed and saddened by the Prince of Wales's timing," said Richard MacCormac, "but reassured that it arises from disagreement about the competition consultation procedure and is not to be interpreted as criticism of the winning scheme or its architects."

Recalling past controversies Mr MacCormac continued: "Those who question the procedure in this case should recollect that the last major competition for a public museum in Scotland, the Burrell Collection, was run on almost exactly similar lines and produced a highly regarded modern building." The prince was at pains to make it clear that his decision was not a criticism of the winning scheme of architects Benson and Forsyth. He evidently remains concerned at the way public bodies wish to capitalise on his enthusiasm for architecture but fail to involve him sufficiently in discussions about the design of projects.

Of the original 371 competition entries, a list of 51 was drawn up and later narrowed to six. Those six are on display at the museum, with the rest of the 51 on show in the university department of architecture. A *salon des refusés*, with nearly 100 rejects, has been opened by the architect Benjamin Tindall at his offices in Victoria Terrace. He believes the assessors were carried away by the internal spaces of the winning design rather than its public face. "If the public had been given a chance to comment they might have made this point clear."

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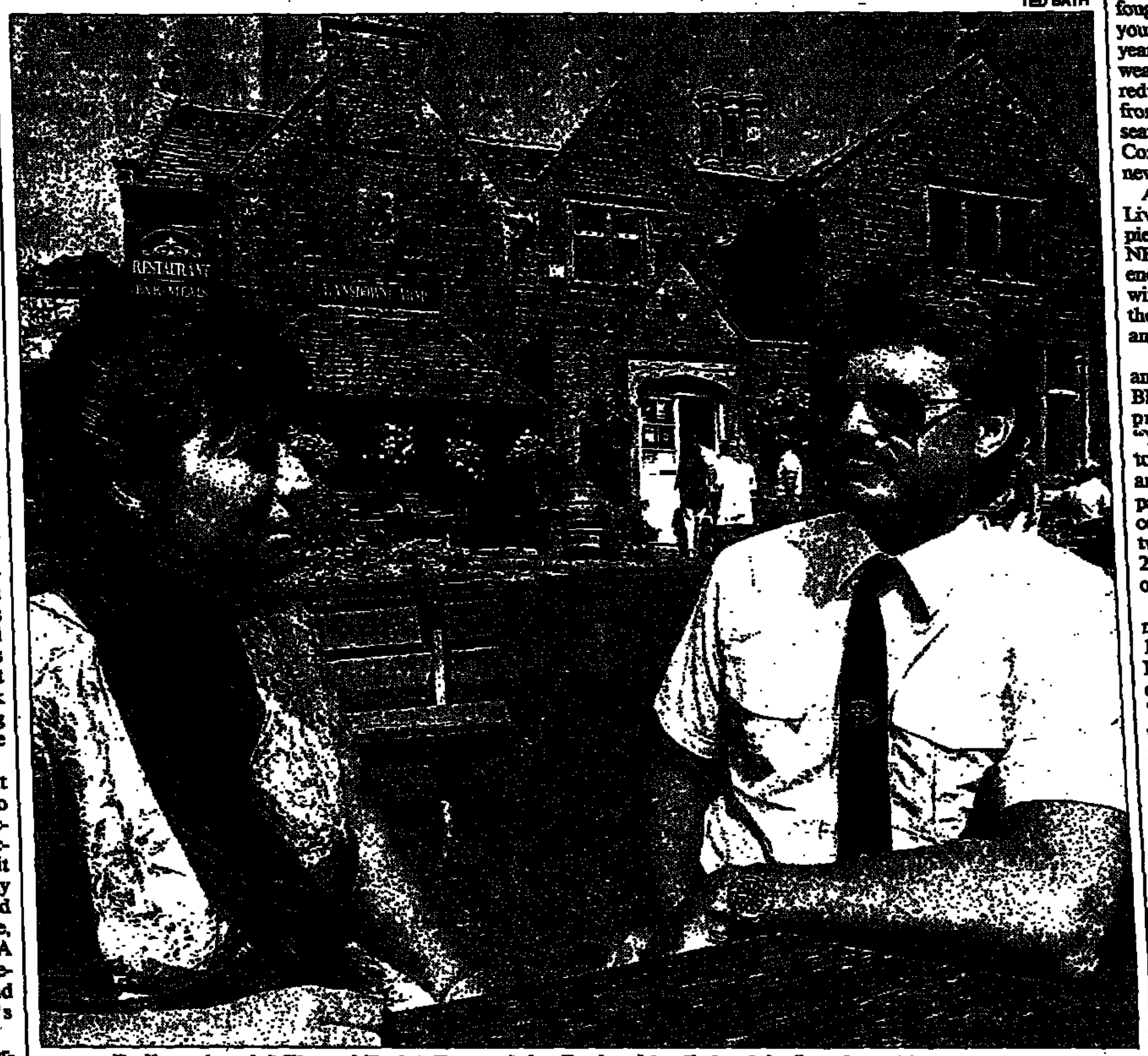

Feeling rejected: Mike and Evelyn Freegard, landlord and landlady of the Lansdowne Arms, yesterday

Poll tax rebel MP loses plea

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

TERRY Fields, the Labour MP, looks likely to serve the remaining 23 days of his 60-day sentence in Walton prison for non-payment of poll tax after the High Court rejected an application for a judicial review of his case.

Maureen, his wife, and his two children Paula and Stephen waited outside the prison yesterday in the hope that he would be released on bail. After Mr Justice Pill'sruling was relayed, they and the Labour MP's band of loyal supporters quietly dispersed.

Mr Fields' campaigners said: "His disappointment at this vindictive decision was not for himself but for thousands of working-class people who are going to face similar action."

Mr Justice Pill said that he found no arguable grounds for allowing a judicial review of South Sefton magistrates' decision to jail Mr Fields. He also rejected the MP's argument that the home secretary, was wrong to deny remission to jailed poll tax defaulters.

The Campaign Against Poll Tax Imprisonment said the court decision illustrated the injustices of legislation, which enables magistrates to give 60-day sentences without remission for a civil debt of under £400.

What killings? ask Irish in the south

The troubled north could be a thousand miles away, writes **Edward Gorman** from Westport in Co Mayo

IN THIS charming seaside town, to which thousands of visitors flock each year for holidays or to climb Croagh Patrick, the holy mountain just across Clew Bay, the latest killings in Northern Ireland have barely been noticed.

Like communities all over southern Ireland, its feelings of concern for those in the north turned long ago to frustration, even boredom, with a cycle of violence which has gone on for so long. To many, Northern Ireland seems more remote than ever, a foreign place which could be thousands of miles away.

In all these communities, there is a small rump of republicans, which helps make up Sinn Fein's national vote of about 1.2 per cent and which occasionally provides recruits for the Provisionals, but such people are the exception, not the rule. In fact, most Irish have reached the point of not caring actively whether the territory is united or not. Many cherish a united Ireland as an ideal, but have no time for those who are trying to achieve it through violence.

Father Tony King, administrator at St Mary's Church in Westport, said that, at the beginning of the troubles, people in Westport were concerned, particularly about the Catholics in the north, and some saw the IRA as helping to protect them from the excesses of the Loyalists. But people had come a long way since then. "There is a real sense of hopelessness here about Northern Ireland," he said. "There's a sense that the vocabulary no longer has the words to describe the horror and the revulsion. There's a terrible level of frustration with the leadership. There seems to be no one who is able to make an impact on the situation."

Sarah Davies and Brid Hughes, both 16 and still at school, admitted over lunch that they almost never talked about Northern Ireland. Brid said: "You just hear about it and it goes in one ear and out the other. You are pretty immune to it at this stage — it's gone on so long."

In one of Westport's many pubs, a local tradesman enjoying a pint of Guinness was delighted to to convey through a British newspaper what he said were typical views about the IRA. He called them murderers and their campaign ridiculous. "I feel sorry for the whole lot of them in the north," he said, "because the IRA are not in it to free Ireland, but to make money."

Earl calls last orders for village pubs

By Bill Frost

MEMBERS of the Lansdowne Arms "formation drinking team" broke out the black armbands yesterday to mark the passing of their pub. A mile down the road, the landlord and landlady of the doomed George Inn were also in mourning, as a Wiltshire village faced a rural tragedy worthy of Hardy's gloomy Wessex.

Charles Maurice Petty-Fitzmaurice, Earl of Shelburne, has decreed that both landlords on his Bowood estate, near Calne, should leave by January. The heir to the Marquess of Lansdowne and a former page of honour to the Queen has told Wadworth, the brewery, that he wants his pubs back.

Customers at the Lansdowne said the pub had fallen victim to the rise of a local golf course, and muttered darkly about rich city folk. Yvonne Freegard, the landlady, said she believed the pubs would become "up-market restaurants" with accommodation for golfers using the nearby course. Her regulars are not taking the earl's last orders lying down. They have a petition that 200 supporters signed in the first 24 hours. "If the Lansdowne closes, where do we drink?" one asked.

Pamela Allington, who runs the George with her husband, Terry, said: "This used to be such a nice little estate. The earl would hold shooting lunches here and have Christmas parties for estate workers. That stopped some time ago. He lost his personal touch. Now I suppose he just has to make as much money as he can."

The Allingtons are leaving the area. "We would not want to live around here after what has happened," Mrs Allington said.

At the Lansdowne, Mrs Freegard, aged 34, who has lived at the pub all her life, spoke out more in sadness than in anger. "This is a body blow for the whole village. What is to become of us?"

The earl is on holiday and not available to comment. A local planning officer said no application had been made to convert the pubs into restaurants.

Fire wrecks historic Bath college

Prior Park College, one of the most important historic buildings of Georgian Bath, was badly damaged by fire yesterday (Richard Duce writes).

The fire broke out in the roof of the college designed by John Wood the Elder, the architect of the city's Royal Crescent and The Circus, yesterday afternoon. The cause is unknown but is not thought to be suspicious.

The house, built in 1735 and famous for its Palladian bridge in the grounds overlooking the city, is now a Catholic public school and the roof contains accommodation for the staff. The 430 pupils of the school are at present on holiday and it is thought that the fire started in the room being used by a Polish girl who is on an exchange visit to England. The cost of repair work to the building could run into tens of thousands of pounds.

Jeremy Golding, the college headmaster, said: "The damage is very extensive. Not only has the fire affected the top floor, but water from the firemen's hoses has come down to the floor below so that the common room has been taken out of action."

Hepatitis test

Blood donations will be tested for the antibody to the potentially fatal hepatitis C virus (HCV) from next month, Baroness Hooper, junior minister at the health department, said yesterday. This is an additional and newly developed test for the two million donations collected every year. Pilot studies suggest that only 0.05 per cent of donors are likely to be positive. HCV is not related to HIV or Aids.

Smuggling fine

David Deans, a bird dealer aged 36, was fined £250 with £250 costs at Isleworth crown court, west London, yesterday after being found guilty of smuggling 11 rare blue-cheeked Amazonian parrots into Britain. Deans, of Bilsthorpe, Nottinghamshire, was convicted of smuggling and forging a bird health certificate. He was cleared of producing a false certificate and two other forgery charges.

Fuschias win

The family of Percy Thrower, the television personality and gardener who died three years ago, took over where he left off by winning the premier award at Shrewsbury flower show yesterday. His widow and three daughters achieved their ambition to take the award, which had been won many times by Mr Thrower, with a display of more than 50 varieties of fuchsia containing an estimated 500,000 blooms.

Bentley case to be reviewed

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he might have been telling Craig to hand over his gun.

While there were widespread doubts about the verdict even before Bentley went to the gallows in Wandsworth jail, it was only in 1972 with the publication of David Yallop's book on the affair, *To Encourage the Others*, that calls for a pardon began to increase. Mr Yallop, a prolific investigative author, says the case shattered the "myth" of the invincibility of British criminal justice almost a generation before the Court of Appeal last year freed the four people convicted of the Guildford and Woolwich public house bombings.

More recently, the campaign, in which Bentley's sister, Iris, now aged 60, has figured prominently, has become something of an industry. Popular musicians Ralph McTell and Elvis Costello have written songs in support of the campaign. Later this year a feature film on the case is to be released, starring Eileen Atkins, Tom Bell and Tom Courtenay. The backers of the inevitably titled *Let Him Have It* believe it may whip up unstoppable pressure for a pardon.

Earlier this year 180 MPs signed a Commons early day motion tabled by Robert Parry, the Labour MP for Liverpool Riverside, calling for an independent public enquiry into the hanging and a pardon. Last night Mr Parry was jubilant that the case had been reopened. "It was a shocking miscarriage of justice," he said.

Bentley: 100,000 signed petition for a reprieve

Craig: at 16 was not old enough for death penalty

Mrs Major votes for cosmetic improvement

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

UNLIKE her husband, who is content to remain plain "plug ugly", Norma Major is a firm believer in using all the tricks in the hands of the cosmetic surgeons.

While John Major is determined that they will not get at him, his wife has no such inhibitions and is in favour of cosmetic surgery and hormone replacement therapy. "It's great if you have got the courage and if you can afford it," she says in an interview published in next month's issue of *Woman's Journal*. "It's not any different from having your hair tinted or permed. It's just a bit of help." Mrs Major says she has access to diamond necklaces, bracelets and rings which were given to Margaret Thatcher by Middle Eastern rulers and are now the property of the state.

As a child she fantasised about dressing up and meeting the Queen but Mrs Major draws the line at anything as regal as donning a tiara. "Yet when I was a child I dreamed of it."

The socialising side of being the tenant of 10 Downing Street has clearly not turned her head. Dismissing the round of dressy functions as "rather frivolous", Mrs Major emerges as a woman happiest in her home. "I was never fond of parties and I'm still not. I didn't gallivant. It wasn't until I discovered opera that I started going out a lot," she says.

Her contentment with her home and children left Mrs Major with little sympathy for the burgeoning women's movement. "I've not got much time for women's lib or the feminist movement. I think its easy for me to sit back and say this because I'm not ambitious. I'm pretty happy with my lot, even domestically. It didn't bother me that I was at home looking after the kids. I liked all that and I didn't feel trapped."

She says, however, that she has sympathy for those who feel they cannot fulfil their ambitions because they are women. "I accept that you need more talent, more energy if you're a woman rather than a man to achieve the same goal, but I have not got much time for any kind of self-discrimination where people sit back and say I'm not going to be accepted for this because I'm black or I'm a woman."

Mrs Major adds that she had not needed to compete like a single woman: "I think I'm late to mature. I've never really felt I've grown up properly. But that is probably because I've been at home."

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Mrs Major: "I'm pretty happy with my lot"

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Loan burden to ease for students as inflation falls

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

FALLING inflation has produced a 4 per cent cut in the interest that will be paid by the 179,000 students who took advantage of the government's student loans scheme in its first year.

At the same time, the point at which former students can defer repayments has been raised, in line with the movement in average salaries. Those earning £1,055 a month or less will be entitled to deferment, compared with £968 a month until now. The interest rate for student loans is fixed annually and linked to the retail price index. The initial figure was set when inflation was at its height, so the first borrowers faced the punitive rate of 9.8 per cent.

Fewer than one eligible student in three used the scheme in the past academic year, but it is likely that many more will sign up in the next 12 months. Not only is the interest rate down to 5.8 per cent, but grants remain frozen and many students will end the summer in debt because of a shortage of vacation work and the loss of welfare benefits. Even the National Union of Students, which continues to oppose loans, acknowledges that the take-up will rise. It said: "The drop in the interest rate might push the numbers up slightly, but the real factor that will make more people take out loans is the sheer poverty that they have suffered over the summer."

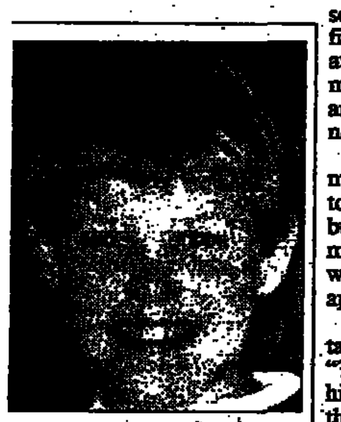
Recognition of the bleak prospects for the vacation caused a late rush of applications for loans before last month's deadline. In the end, students borrowed about £69 million, less than half the amount ministers told the Student Loans Company to expect when the scheme started last September.

Labour has kept up its criticism of the scheme, exploiting its high administrative costs. Although the loans company insists it is running efficiently and will meet its targets in time, it could not deny that the first year's loans cost £50 per student to issue, compared with an original estimate of £27.

Higher education institutions are also dissatisfied because they claim that they have lost money operating a scheme they opposed in the first place. They have to authenticate applications, and many took on extra staff in anticipation of a rush that never came.

Ron Harrison, the company's chief executive, is hoping to simplify the system in 1992, but expects the existing machinery to run smoothly when the new academic year's applications start next month.

Mr Harrison is setting no targets but said yesterday: "The take-up is going to be higher for the simple reason that the loan is much bigger and will represent a much bigger piece of the finance available to students." At £660, the maximum loan for students in London is up by more than 40 per cent. Those living away from home in other parts of the country will be able to borrow £580, while the home-based rate will be £440. Most of those who took out loans last year will begin repayments in April 1995.



John Payne: accident left him with brain injuries

Boy hit by biker wins £13m deal

By RAY CLANCY

A BOY who suffered brain injuries when he was hit by a speeding motor cycle as he played outside his home nine years ago was awarded compensation worth up to £13 million yesterday.

John Payne, now aged 12, had previously been awarded a lump sump of over £1 million, but the High Court in Leeds approved a structured settlement after his mother, Sheila Crowther, asked for compensation that would secure his future. The child will receive regular payments, worth up to £13 million if he lives to be 65.

The court heard that, as a result of the accident, John became hyperactive, aggressive, unable to sleep and was prone to bouts of self-mutilation. "He hits me, bites me and pulls my hair out," said Mrs Crowther, of Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Mrs Crowther sued the rider of the motor cycle, Arthur Thackray, on behalf of her son. An earlier hearing decided that Mr Thackray was responsible for the accident and his insurer, Norwich Union, agreed to the settlement.

Structured settlements have now become more popular than lump sums. Solicitors, claimants, judges and insurers agree that the settlements offer the best deal for the victims and give their families peace of mind.

Seeking clues: police searching for evidence yesterday in undergrowth where Paul Pearson, aged seven, was murdered while cycling home

Sacked clerk kicks up a desert storm

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN ARMY reservist who was sacked by the Post Office while serving during the Gulf war won his claim for unfair dismissal yesterday.

Anthony Flint, aged 43, a trainee clerk, of Tottenham, north London, was told in a letter from his wife that he had no job to return to. Lynn Flint had received a P45 form, ending his employment, while he served as a medical aide in a hospital in Riyadh.

The Post Office claimed the decision to sack Mr Flint was taken before he decided to go to the Middle East, but an industrial tribunal found in his favour and told the Post Office to work out a compensation agreement with him.

Dennis Brayden, the tribunal chairman, told the hearing the Post Office was in breach of the 1985 act dealing with war reservists and employment, and said Mr Flint should have been offered a different post if his old job was not available.

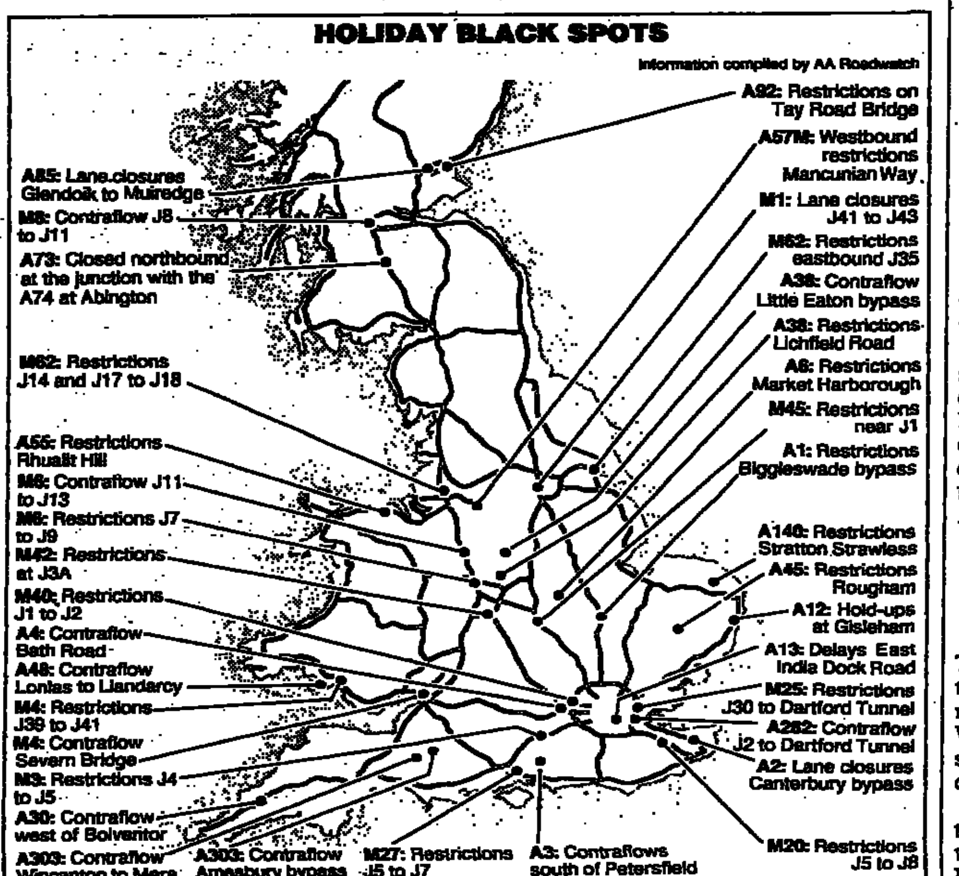
Mr Flint has not been able to get a job since returning from the Middle East. Outside the hearing, he and his wife said they were delighted with the result, but he criticised the Post Office, saying its treatment of him had been "absolutely appalling".

"To me, it's perfectly clear under the act that I should have been offered some sort of employment when I returned from the Gulf," he said. "The way my wife found out I had been dismissed is disgraceful."

Mrs Flint, aged 34, said: "It has been a dreadful ordeal. My husband was in a battle zone, which was worry enough. One morning I received a letter, enclosing his P45, which said he had been dismissed. I felt absolutely dreadful."

Richard Greening, counsel for the Post Office, said Mr Flint was incapable of doing his job as a counter clerk.

But Mr Flint's solicitor, Akhil Shah, said: "No wonder his work suffered, because his mind was thinking of other things, such as going to war."



HOLIDAY BLACK SPOTS
Information compiled by AA Roadwatch
A92: Restrictions on Tay Road Bridge
A57M: Westbound restrictions Mancunian Way
M1: Lane closures J41 to J43
M62: Restrictions eastbound J35
A38: Contraflow Little Eaton bypass
A38: Restrictions Lichfield Road
A6: Restrictions Market Harborough
M45: Restrictions near J1
A1: Restrictions Biggleswade bypass
A140: Restrictions Stratton Strawless
A45: Restrictions Rougham
A12: Hold-ups at Gisleham
A13: Delays East India Dock Road
M25: Restrictions J30 to Dartford Tunnel
A282: Contraflow J2 to Dartford Tunnel
A2: Lane closures Canterbury bypass
M20: Restrictions J5 to J8
A3: Contraflows south of Petersfield
M27: Restrictions J5 to J7
A303: Contraflow Amesbury bypass
A303: Contraflow Wincanton to Mere
A30: Contraflow west of Bolventor
M5: Restrictions J4 to J5
M4: Contraflow Severn Bridge
M4: Restrictions J39 to J41
A48: Contraflow Lonlas to Llandarcy
A4: Contraflow Bath Road
M40: Restrictions J1 to J2
M42: Restrictions at J3A
M6: Restrictions J7 to J9
M6: Contraflow J11 to J13
A55: Restrictions Rhuallt Hill
M62: Restrictions J14 and J17 to J18
A73: Closed northbound at the junction with the A74 at Abington
M8: Contraflow J8 to J11
A85: Lane closures Glendoik to Muiredge

Waiting for the weekend: continued delays are expected in the West Country because of contraflows in operation on the A303 Amesbury bypass in Wiltshire, another on the same road in Somerset between Wincanton and Mere, and one on the A30 west of Bolventor in Cornwall.

Murdered bicycle boy was strangled, detectives say

By PETER DAVENPORT

SEVEN-year-old Paul Pearson was pulled off his bicycle and strangled less than half a mile from his home, police disclosed yesterday. Senior officers, who described the murder as horrific, advised parents living near by to keep their children in sight or be fully aware of their whereabouts until the killer is caught.

Teams of police officers yesterday carried out a further search of the allotments and wooded area on the coast between Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea in Cleveland, where Paul's body was found on Thursday. He had been reported missing the previous evening after failing to arrive home from a friend's house.

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Walls, who is in charge of the 80 officers in the murder enquiry, said yesterday: "It is horrific. Something like this sickens everyone. I've dealt with a number of murders in the last 26 years, but this is the most tragic because a seven-year-old child is involved."

Although Paul's red and white mountain bike, a present last Christmas, was found in long grass 100 yards from his body, police said yesterday that they were still searching for his shoes and socks. There were no outward signs of sexual assault, but police are awaiting results of scientific tests before ruling it out.

Paul was attacked while riding home the mile from a friend's house in Saltburn to the house in Marske, to which he had moved with his family only three weeks ago. His route took him along a coastal footpath near a railway line.

The area has been busy with holidaymakers, many attracted by Saltburn's Victorian week, which was drawing to a close yesterday. Detectives are also questioning everyone who has been staying on a nearby caravan site, and local allotment holders.

Some mothers told police yesterday of sightings of a man, said to be in his 30s and with unkempt hair, who had been spotted several times watching children at play and then moving on when parents approached.

Paul is the third young child to be murdered within a week.

Detectives in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, who are investigating the murder of Angela Flaherty, aged seven, yesterday compared information with colleagues in Cleveland to see whether there were any links between the two cases. She, too, had been riding a bicycle near her home when she was abducted, sexually assaulted and battered to death in a den made by children in undergrowth less than quarter of a mile from her home.

Yesterday, Mr Walls said that police were keeping an open mind about the two murders, but did not think they were related. He added that there were only minor injuries on Paul's body, but declined to elaborate. It was not known how the boy had been strangled.

Somewhere along the footpath, Mr Walls said, Paul had been waylaid, pulled off his bicycle and murdered. "This was a horrific killing in daylight," he said. "Whoever did it is someone with a complete disregard for human life. I would ask parents, and I know it is going to be difficult, but I want them to keep their children in sight as much as possible or be aware exactly where they are and who they are with at all times."

Paul's parents, Kenneth and Julie Pearson, moved to Marske with their four children only three weeks ago. They thought it was a safer place for their children to play than their previous home at Thornaby, 15 miles away, which was near busy roads.

Police questioned several men during the day at Redcar police station.

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Heart surgeons meet

ADVANCES in the prevention and treatment of heart disease will be unveiled at an international conference opening in Amsterdam tomorrow (Thomson Prentice writes).

Up to 13,000 heart physicians, surgeons and scientists are gathering for the European Society of Cardiology congress. They will be discussing every aspect of treatment, from infant heart transplantation to the effects of "clot-busting" drugs.

New evidence will be produced on the beneficial and adverse impacts of diet and alcohol on heart disease, and the influence of hereditary factors. Magdi Yacoub, a leading surgeon at Harefield hospital, west London, is among the experts who will discuss the future of heart transplants and combined heart-lung transplants.

Police to be sued over shooting

By RONALD FAUX

THE family of Ian Gordon, the man shot dead by police marksmen last Monday in Wellington, Shropshire, is to sue West Mercia police for damages.

Steve Bennett, solicitor for the family, said yesterday that the writ would allege negligence and possible breaches of the firearms regulations by the police. Senior officers directing the police operation and the two officers who fired the shots could expect to be cited for negligence, he said. Mr Gordon, aged 24, had a history of psychiatric problems and died after pointing what proved to be an unloaded air pistol at police.

The family's decision to sue the police followed a meeting with Clive Atkinson, assistant chief constable of Merseyside, who is leading an investigation into the shooting on behalf of the Police Complaints Authority.

Mr Bennett said: "We believe we have sufficient information to commence proceedings against the chief constable of West Mercia and we shall be formally notifying him of our intentions."

West Mercia police would not comment on the development yesterday. A spokesman said the full facts would be determined by the independent enquiry and it is not yet known when that would be completed or whether the results would be made public.

A march and protest against the shooting is planned today in the Hadley district of Telford.

Short gets draw with brilliant defence

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short, Britain's representative in the quarter-finals of the world chess championship in Brussels, created a defensive masterpiece in the adjourned session of his fourth game against the Soviet grandmaster Boris Gelfand.

Short adjourned the game on Thursday night with the material disadvantage of a bishop against his opponent's rook. He had sacrificed rook for bishop to disorganise Gelfand, who consolidated and then pressed for victory.

But yesterday, Short managed to chase Gelfand's white king into a corner and imprisoned it with his king and bishop to kill the advantage. The game was drawn and Short maintains a 2½-1½ lead in the best-of-eight matches contest.

Standings in the other quarter-finals are: Karpov (USSR) v Anand (India) 2½-1½; Timman (Netherlands) v Korchnoi (Switzerland) 3-1; Yusupov (Soviet Union) v Ivanchuk (Soviet Union) 2-2.

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2 c4	e6	48 Rc1	h5
3 Nc3	Nf6	49 Bc4	Bg3
4 Nf3	Nbd7	50 Kg1	h4
5 Bg5	Be7	51 Kf1	Kg5
6 e3	0-0	52 Ke2	Kf4
7 Rc1	Re8	53 Kd3	Bf2
8 Bd3	dxc4	54 Ke2	Bg3
9 Bxc4	c5	55 Bd3	Ke5
10 0-0	a6	56 Rc5+	Kd4
11 a4	Nb6	57 Ra5	Bd5
12 Bb3	cxd4	58 Kf1	f4
13 Qxd4	Qxd4	59 Be2	Be4
14 Nxd4	Bd7	60 Bh5	f6
15 a5	Nc8	61 Bf3	Bd3+
16 Rfd1	Nd6	62 Be2	Be4
17 f3	Rac8	63 Ra3	Bc2
18 e4	Rc5	64 Ra6	f5
19 Bd2	Rec8	65 Ra3	Be4
20 Nce2	Nb5	66 Bf3	Bd3+
21 Nxb5	Bxb5	67 Be2	Bc2
22 Nc3	Be8	68 Ba6	Be4
23 Ra1	Kf8	69 Ra5	Ke3
24 Be1	Nd7	70 Ra3+	Kd2
25 Bf2	R5c6	71 Bc8	Bd3+
26 Ne2	Ne5	72 Ra5	Bf2+
27 Nd4	Rd6	73 Ra5	Bf2+
28 h3	Nc6	74 Kh1	Bg3
29 Nxc6	Rdxc6	75 Bxf5	Bxf5
30 Kh1	R8c7	76 Rxf5	Ke1
31 Bd4	Bb5	77 Ra5	Kf2
32 Bc3	g6	78 Ra2+	Kf1
33 Rd2	Ke8	79 Ra3	Kf2
34 f4	Kf8	80 Rb3	Kf1
35 Rad1	Rxc3	81 Rf3+	Ke1
36 bxc3	Rxc3	82 Kg1	Ke2
37 Ba2	Ra3	83 Ra3	Bf2+
38 f5	exf5	84 Kh1	Bg3
39 exf5	gxf5	85 Ra2+	Kf1
40 Bd5	Rxa5	86 Rb2	Bf2
41 Bxb7	Ra4	87 Rc2	Bg3
42 Rd4	Rxd4	88 Rc1+	Kf2
43 Rxd4	Kg7	89 Rc3	Kf1
44 Rf4	Bd7	90 Rf3+	Ke1
45 Bxa6	Be6	91 Rxg3	fxg3
46 bd3	Bd6	Draw agreed.	

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The tyrants' curse

In the early hours of June 22, 1941 the most powerful military force the world had ever seen, a German army of 3.25m battle-hardened troops and commanders with an unbroken run of

success, launched "Barbarossa", the code-name Hitler gave to his surprise attack on Russia along a front that extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea. It started the greatest war in history.

Part 2 of Alan Bullock on Hitler and Stalin, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

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Conservation experts want 150,000 red deer culled

Red deer have roamed the Highlands for 100,000 years, their numbers kept down by wolf, lynx and harsh winters. Now they are eating their way to their own destruction, reports **Kerry Gill**

CONSERVATIONISTS, alarmed by the devastation caused by thousands of red deer in Scotland, have called for a cull to halve their numbers. Some wildlife experts believe 150,000 will have to be killed to protect dwindling forests and ensure the health of the deer that remain.

The red deer population has doubled since the late 1950s and is now too large to be sustained by grazing land on the mountains and estates, say the experts.

Red deer, typified by the Monarch of the Glen, have been in the Highlands for 100,000 years. The population was kept low by the wolf and lynx, and the harsh mountain climate until Victorians protected them on their estates when deer-stalking became popular. Many deer are still fed by landowners, but their voracious appetite has ruined ancient forests, prevented new trees from growing and destroyed rare plant life.

Management of red deer has long been controversial even though seven government commissions studied the issue between 1870 and 1950. Kenny Taylor, of the Scottish Wildlife Trust, said yesterday: "I see the red deer as the biggest single problem in the Scottish uplands. We have figures that show native Caledonian pine forests are a fragment of what they were. Birch woods have also been extensively destroyed by overgrazing by sheep and deer, all too often the deer. Things are so far out of balance that we need a radical solution."

Red deer numbers have almost trebled in the past 30 years and the Red Deer Commission, established in 1959 to see that necessary culling is carried out by landowners, has failed to stem the destruction of woodland and moors.

Mr Taylor, and Martin Mathers, of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), said the commission had always lacked adequate power and its failure meant that 150,000 red deer must be culled over the next five years to prevent the total destruction of natural woodland.

The problem has been made topical by the impending sale of Mar Lodge estate above Deeside, regarded as the most important wilderness area in Britain. The estate has been stripped of much of its ancient Caledonian forest by red deer.

Such forests were once their natural habitat, but as numbers grew and feeding grounds disappeared they moved to open ground and are now destroying remaining food supplies and eroding large parcels of land.

They gorge on rare plants such as the globe flower, bluebell and stretches of cotton grass. They eat willow and juniper that should harbour insects and birds. Herds of several hundred trample the nesting grounds of the dotterel, a rare moorland bird. Nevertheless, many deer, much smaller specimens than their cousins in the wilderness of eastern Europe, die every winter as they huddle in their hundreds for shelter against the vicious climate of the Scottish mountains.

Stalking remains a popular sport in the Highlands, encouraging estates to protect deer. One conservationist said: "If a landowner sees a stag with a good pair of antlers he thinks all is well."

Robin Callander, who is to publish later this month a study of red deer, sponsored by the WWF, Rural Forum Scotland and the Highlands and Islands Enterprise, said up to 3,000 deer sometimes graze within nine square miles in parts of the east Cairngorms.

Simon Pepper, Scottish conservation officer for the WWF, said a cull was in the best interests of the deer. In a a harsh winter 50,000 could starve within a couple of weeks. "We are not only concerned about the destruction they cause, but we must also intervene for the sake of the deer. There is a crisis. Some estates now bury between 200 and 300 after a bad spell of weather," he said.

Estates are reluctant to cull deer when the price for their flesh is so low. The European venison market had been flooded with cheap east European meat and the United States had banned wild Scottish venison because of a BSE scare.

Mr Taylor said: "That is ridiculous. Venison from the wild is as pure as you can get, but the price has crashed. Beasts on the hill knacker our woods but are worth less than rabbits. People are loathe to spend time and money getting them off the hills when they have been offered 15p a pound by dealers."

Mr Taylor added that red deer should be kept as a valuable part of the forest system.

"Red deer in the wild areas of Poland are double the size of ours," he said. "We have taken a woodland animal and shoved it onto land where they should not be, forcing them to eat anything that is available and causing the number one problem in the Highlands."

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JOHN PAUL

Destroyer of the glen: a red deer stag and his hinds in the Highlands, which has the largest concentration of the native species in Britain

Wreckers of crops, gardens and forest

By JOHN YOUNG

DEER in Britain fall into three categories: the herds which belong to large estates, commercial herds farmed for venison and the large numbers that roam wild and damage crops, trees and even domestic gardens.

Of the six species only two are native to this country, red and roe. Red deer are predominantly concentrated in Scotland, but there are also significant numbers on Exmoor and the Quantocks, and in the Lake District.

The stag hunts which survive in Devon and Somerset are a continuing target for anti-hunt protesters. Supporters claim that hunting is the most efficient and humane means of culling and that, if the hunts were outlawed, farmers would shoot the deer.

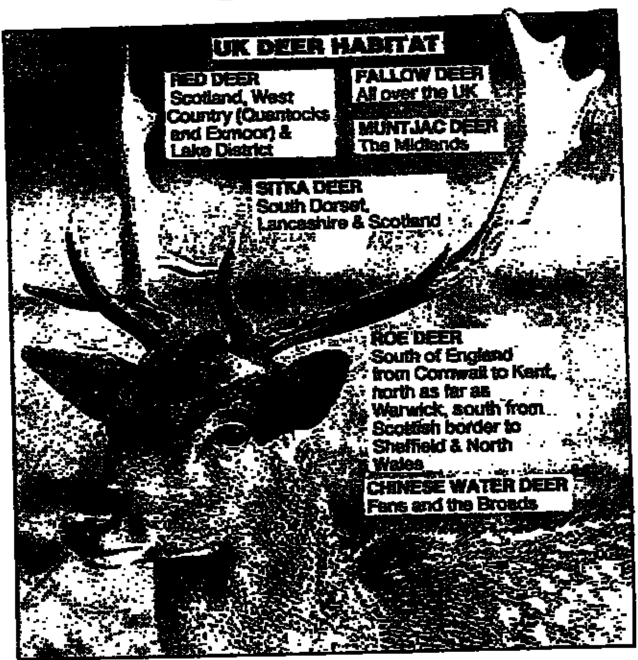
Roe deer are native to Scotland and the north of England. They died out in the south in the middle ages but have since re-established themselves in an area extending from Cornwall to Kent and north as far as Warwickshire; the northern herds have spread as far south as South Yorkshire and North Wales, and the intervening gap is rapidly closing. Unlike the red deer, which like to graze crops, roe deer prefer browsing among young trees and are a particular threat to farm woodlands and new forest plantations. Fallow deer were first imported by the Normans and, like the roe, have spread to most parts of Britain. Sitka originated in Japan and were brought to Britain by Victorian landowners keen on introducing exotic species of fauna and flora; the main concentrations are in Scotland, Lancashire and down in south Dorset.

Muntjac are native to what used to be called Indo-China, and have multiplied in the wild, notably in the Midlands, since their forebears escaped from the Woburn estate in Bedfordshire before the second world war. The sixth species, Chinese water deer, have established themselves mainly in the Fens and Broads of East Anglia.

Richard Prior, technical adviser to the British Deer Society, estimates that there at least one million deer living in the wild. But there has never been any attempt at a count. "We know there are around 320,000 red deer in Scotland, but beyond that we are in the realms of speculation," he said yesterday.

Roe, fallow and muntjak can live almost anywhere, he pointed out, many on the edges of suburbia. Muntjak are an increasingly serious threat to nature conservation, in that they eat the undergrowth which provides a habitat for birds and butterflies.

Mr Prior believes that action is urgently needed to bring the numbers of wild deer under control. They breed successfully, he says, and have no natural predators. The society has recently initiated a scheme to train people in the art of stalking, and so far just over 1,000 people have been awarded certificates of competence.


UK DEER HABITAT
RED DEER Scotland, West Country (Quantocks and Exmoor) & Lake District
FALLOW DEER All over the UK
MUNTJAC DEER The Midlands
SITKA DEER South Dorset, Lancashire & Scotland
ROE DEER South of England from Cornwall to Kent, north as far as Warwick, south from Scottish border to Sheffield & North Wales
CHINESE WATER DEER Fens and the Broads

Man faces charge for attack by dog

A man whose alsatian savaged a girl aged six is likely to become the first person charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

The man, aged 24, from Lambeth, south London, has been summonsed for having a dog dangerously out of control in a public area. The girl, also from Lambeth, had 27 stitches in a cheek wound after the attack on Wednesday.

Crown Prosecution Service officials are deciding whether to press charges.

Skipper jailed

Nicholas Chapman, aged 27, of Wadebridge, Cornwall, was jailed by Exeter magistrates for 12 months, nine months suspended, after ramming his trawler into a boat during the Padstow regatta. He admitted causing criminal damage.

Assault case

Neil Payne, aged 28, of Wollaton, Nottinghamshire, appeared before Nottingham magistrates charged with indecently assaulting a woman at the Queen's medical centre. He was remanded in custody.

Peace match

Rebecca Eavis, aged 28, daughter of the Glastonbury CND rock festival organiser Michael Eavis, will today marry Chris Edwards, aged 28, who tests Trident nuclear submarines.

Player charged

Alan Rathbone, aged 32, a former Great Britain rugby league player, appeared before Warrington magistrates charged with supplying or offering to supply drugs.

Jail escape

Police on both sides of the Irish border are hunting three prisoners who rowed to freedom from Loughan House open prison, Co Cavan, in the governor's boat.

Briton killed

Duncan Cessford, aged 19, a British hitch-hiker, was shot dead in the northern Transvaal town of Zeerust, near the Botswana border.

Spray it again

British Telecom has recalled a fleet of new vans after they were sprayed yellow rather than grey at Desborough airfield, Northamptonshire.

110 not out

Ethel Tuck celebrated her 110th birthday at a home in Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

Permission to pass out, sir

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

Hot-headed: a guardsman bears up in the heat

GUARDSMEN at Buckingham Palace and other establishments are having to depend on the kindness of their local commanders to stop them overheating as temperatures rise into the eighties.

It is up to the captain of the guard to decide each day whether to order two-hour or one-hour stints.

The Grenadier Guards outside Buckingham Palace yesterday, with their bearskins weighing more than 2lb, were each standing for two hours.

But some guard duties this week have lasted only one hour. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "It's a local initiative which the commanding officer can take. It means they can leave their post, go back to the guardroom and have a cool drink. We try to be kind to the chaps."

Footguards on duty at St James's Palace and at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall have had their two-hour stints cut on the hottest days to avoid anyone fainting from heat exhaustion. The mounted sentries always change every hour.

A spokesman for the London Weather Centre predicted more hot weather next week.

Chemical alert closes beach

By LIN JENKINS

PART of a popular South Coast beach has been closed pending an investigation into claims that two young children were burned by a chemical while playing in the sand.

Samples were removed yesterday from one end of Highcliffe beach, Dorset, after tests were ordered by Christchurch council. It follows complaints that Oliver Macey, aged three, and his brother Robert, aged one, who were on holiday from Hounslow, west London, developed burns and blisters while building sandcastles last week.

Stephen Johnstone, the council's environment and leisure manager, said doctors treating the injury did not know if they had been caused by nettles, other plants, the beach or some domestic product.

"Tests on all samples to see if they are caustic will begin immediately," he said. "The consultant has told the medical health officer that he does not expect a guide as to what caused it, but we have to investigate the possibility that there is something on the beach."

He said that since the shoreline bordered the Channel there was always the possibility that deck cargo could be lost from ships and find its way ashore. "There is no correlation between the report of these injuries and any known toxic hazard, but from time to time deck cargo does reach the shore," he said.

John Lofts, a local councillor, said that the investigation was particularly important since the MV Murree, an Indian freighter, sank off the Devon coast 18 months ago, releasing barrels of toxic chemicals, some of which were found washed up along the Dorset and Hampshire coast. "This is obviously a major concern and we need to find out what happened, especially in view of the freighter sinking," he said.

We'll never be blue about lavender

Without a whiff of whimsy in the air, Britain's largest producer of lavender turns his nose up at the idea that you can have too much of a good thing, writes **Joe Joseph**

"NOW be honest, Henry, don't you ever get just a teeny-weeny bit fed up with looking at lavender bushes and breathing in lavender smells all day long? It's everywhere."

"Not at all," says Henry Head, with that slow, precise delivery people use when talking to a great aunt's ear trumpet. Fed up? He would be just as baffled if someone had asked if he would mind winning the pools. The idea that a man could have too much lavender would only cross Mr Head's mind if he were searching for something preposterous to giggle over.

Henry Head is boss of Britain's only large lavender farm and lavender oil distillery. Other gardeners plant a sprig or two of lavender to liven up a border. Mr Head has 450,000 bushes spread over 100 acres at Heacham, Norfolk.

"I even have lavender around my house. I use lavender soap and lavender bath and shower gel. We eat lamb with lavender sauce. Absolutely delicious. A restaurant up the road does it, too. We produce a lavender jelly and lavender marmalade, which we sell in the shop, although we don't eat much marmalade because we have muesli and eggs for breakfast.

"You stop noticing it after a while. People come into my office and remark on the smell of lavender. I don't notice it." "But, Henry, don't people comment in the local pub about your clingingly fragrant aroma?" "No, I don't think so."

Harvesting began a month ago and should be complete by the end of August. Eight workers take turns to drive the mechanical harvester, picking the crop and doing their best to keep lavender-loving bees from buzzing up their trouser legs.

They say the Romans brought lavender to Britain. Roman soldiers carried their own medical supplies. Before the days of penicillin and Elastoplast, first aid kits were filled with things such as lavender, rosemary and borage.

Lavender was popular with Romans for healing, soothing and keeping away insects. They scented their baths with it and burnt it in honour of the gods. Romans were almost as keen on lavender as Mr Head, though few of them had it sewn into frilly heart-shaped pouches or quilted Kleenex tissue holders. Mr Head does.

Norfolk Lavender, Mr Head's company, makes everything from lavender oil to lavender-scented pillows. About 150,000 visitors come each year to see the farm's 60-strong national collection of lavenders and to stock up on lavender talcum powder and lavender-scented drawer liners in the farm shop. They could also buy them in Harrods. Half the firm's output is exported: Saudi Arabia is the biggest customer, followed by America and Japan.

"We get about one and a half tons of flowers and stalks from every acre," Mr Head says. "After distilling it, that turns into about 18 to 20lb of lavender oil." About two thirds of the crop is distilled into oil. The rest is used as flowers in sachets and pot-pourri and in all those knick-knacks which nobody buys for themselves but regard as suitable for Christmas presents.

"But isn't lavender a little fuddy-duddy nowadays?" "The population is ageing, so it doesn't matter if it's fuddy-duddy," Mr Head says. "The other thing is that people are becoming much more aware of green issues, and lavender's a natural fragrance.

"Also, lavender is renowned for its ability to soothe and calm. Our scented lavender pillow helps you to sleep. No, it doesn't cure snoring. If it did, I'd give one to my wife."

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CHRIS HARRIS

Harvest time: lavender is cut on Henry Head's farm at Heacham, Norfolk, to be used in a host of scented products

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Duty-free 'bargains' are undercut by shops abroad

By Robin Young

HOLIDAYMAKERS who shop around will discover again this year that duty-free bargains are not always what they seem. The price of the same litre of whisky can vary by £1.75 between cross-Channel ferry carriers, and even within Heathrow airport's terminal 4 two neighbouring duty-free shops show a 25p difference on the price of a litre of Bell's.

Allders' price for Bell's in terminal 4 is £7.40, while a few steps away Forte is charging £7.65. Allders' price for Cutty Sark is £8.15, whereas Forte charges only £7.19.

BAA, the company which operates eight airports including Heathrow and Gatwick, insists that its duty-free franchisers guarantee the public at least a 50 per cent saving over average high street prices on main brands of spirits. A price survey is conducted quarterly to ascertain what average high-street prices are. The price comparison does not take account of the bonus that duty-free spirits are frequently of greater alcoholic strength.

On popular cigarette brands the saving is at least 40 per cent, and on other brands from 20 to 40 per cent. A saving on malt or premium whisky, and on premium brands of cigarettes, is thus likely to be only 30 per cent. On Remy Martin VSOP brandy it is 35 per cent.

On perfumes, which are no longer subject to excise duty, the shops in BAA airports are still obliged to offer at least a 21 per cent saving, but on other tax-free goods the saving need only be the bare amount of value-added tax, 17.5 per cent. Considerable though these savings are, the duty-free prices are never as little as the high street price would be if simply stripped of its duty element. "We have never disguised that we make a profit from our commercial operations", BAA said yesterday. "That is how we can operate the airports without taking a profit on landing and handling charges, and still finance airport improvements."

THE PRICE OF A LITRE OF WHISKY

Typical High St price	£11.10
Duty	£6.12
VAT	£1.64
Cost without duty & VAT	£3.34
Duty free price	£7.40

Travellers are still likely to find that at least some popular duty-free items are offered more cheaply by airlines' in-flight sales than they are in the airport duty-free shops. The selection, though, is limited.

It is also possible to find that some spirits and cigarettes are available more cheaply at one's destination than they are duty-free at home. Smirnoff Red vodka is now available more cheaply in ordinary shops in Greece and Portugal, while Gordon's gin costs less in local shops in Italy or Spain. Duty-free shops in France, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain are likely to offer at least some spirits and perfumes more cheaply than the British duty-free shops' prices.

DAVID DYSON

Have bottles, will travel: a clinking array in the Forte duty-free shop at terminal 4, Heathrow, yesterday

Duty-free spirits and cigarettes are a better bargain compared with UK prices than tax-free cameras, watches or perfumes. Occasionally perfumes, like spirits, are available more cheaply in ordinary local shops abroad than in British duty-free shops.

After criticism last year that airport shops were exploiting a captive audience by charging up to 70 per cent extra for branded soft drinks, and a fifth more for a packet of tampons or sticking plasters, BAA now operates a further price pledge that goods offered through airport shops such as W H Smith or Ratner's will be at the same price as charged in their high street branches. Other airports and ferry terminal shops are not bound by this policy, though, and in some instances it is still possible to find items such as mosquito coils, electric plug converters, and gift packs of tea and sweets at prices noticeably above the high-street norm.

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Police may be charged over PC's framing

By Richard Duce

THE Crown Prosecution Service is to decide whether any police officers should be charged after the framing on a robbery charge of a former constable, who was subsequently jailed for 17 years.

Thomas Corley had his conviction on charges of conspiracy to rob and supplying a firearm quashed in March last year by Court of Appeal judges, who said that his trial the year before had been "a travesty of justice, fuelled by fabricated evidence". Two senior police officers in Manchester had "trawled the ranks of serious criminals" for evidence against Mr Corley, aged 33, after he had left the force.

It was announced yesterday that a report on a Police Complaints Authority enquiry led by Colin Bailey, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, into the affair has been sent to the CPS, which will consider prosecution. If no charges are laid, the PCA will consider police discipline charges.

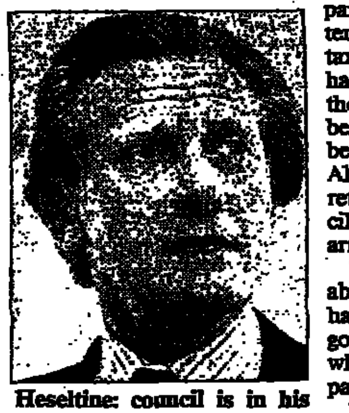
Mr Corley, of Partington, Greater Manchester, was implicated in an £11,000 robbery by three known criminals.

Council accused of blunder over poll tax payments

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

A CONSERVATIVE council which sent a court summons for non-payment of the poll tax to one of its councillors defended its action yesterday and said it had not acted unreasonably.

Adrian Nixey, who represents the village of Chalgrove on South Oxfordshire district council, was one of 3,559 people who received a summons for non-payment this week. Many of those who have received summonses say they have paid their poll tax and have accused the council, whose area includes the Henley-on-Thames constituency of Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, of incompetence.



Heseltine: council is in his Henley constituency

The council, which refused to discuss individual cases on the grounds that it would contravene the Data Protection Act, insisted that all those summonsed were in arrears with their poll tax.

Alan Hill, who received a summons, said: "My wife and I were Conservatives until we received the summonses. We are paying by direct debit, so we cannot possibly be in arrears."

Mr Hill said he thought he had been summonsed because of a mistake made by the council in setting out last year's poll tax bill. His bill for 1990 asked for eight instalments of £52.80 each, which he paid. Only after being summonsed for arrears this week did he realise that the instalments amounted to only £422.40, a shortfall of £52.84. "We paid what they asked and it is their fault if they cannot add up correctly," Mr Hill said.

Mr Nixey, a farmer, said that summonses had been issued to him, his wife and his parents because he had been ten days late in paying a poll tax instalment for July. In haste, he had forgotten to sign the cheque for the four members of his family and it had been returned by the council. Although he signed it and returned it through the council's own internal post, it arrived ten days late.

"It is very worrying to think about the effect this will have had on older people who have got a summons out of the blue when they thought they had paid," he said.

Tracey Chapman, the council's assistant revenues manager, said: "All the summonses we have issued are in respect of people who have not paid. A reminder is sent out to everyone who falls behind. After a reminder has been sent, the individual has seven days to bring the account up to date. If they do not, the amount becomes due. If the full amount is not paid, the council will apply to the magistrates for a summons."

By the end of the last financial year, 82 per cent of the 90,000 adults in South Oxfordshire had paid their poll tax. Mrs Chapman said the issuing of reminders this month had already improved the collection rate.

Museum goes back to basics of history

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

AS MUSEUMS move closer to displaying the fundamentals of life in their quest for historical reality, Chiltern Open Air Museum at Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, might have reached the ultimate with its latest usable exhibit: a restored Edwardian public convenience.

The 1906 lavatory stood beside Caversham Bridge in Reading and was used by tram passengers for almost 80 years. The structure was closed in the 1970s and among the schemes proposed by Reading borough council was to turn it into a tea room. When none of them proved practical the building was scheduled for demolition.

Miriam Moir, the museum's project director in charge of restoring the toilets, said: "We heard about it on the grapevine, and when we asked the council if we could dismantle it they donated it to us."

Restoration by volunteers began in 1987 and should be completed by the end of this month, with the original decorative cast-iron panel screens between cubicles, copper and brass piping, oak seats and porcelain.

The cost of £36,000 has been met partly by financial help from 20 different companies and trusts, including Caradon Twyford Ltd, which made the original fittings.

"The penny slots had been removed from the doors, presumably because of decimalisation, but when we researched the toilet handles we found they were highly sexist — there were penny slots only on the three ladies' stalls while the men got everything free," Mrs Moir said. "We are putting the penny slots back on, but on the men's and ladies' stalls this time."

Visitors, however, will not have to hunt for old pennies before using the lavatories as their use is free. The only concession to the modern era is that one cubicle in both the ladies and gents is being adapted for the disabled.

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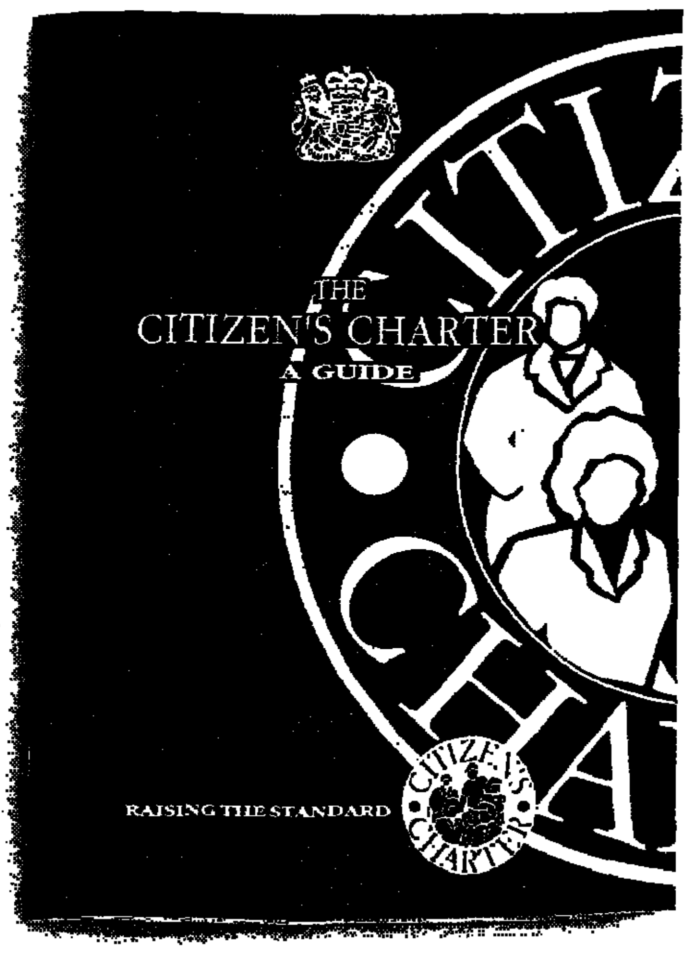

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Zaire's power and perfume set fiddle while Kinshasa burns

The conference President Mobutu convened to give Zaire democracy and himself more time has been suspended. Sam Kiley reports

Mobutu: accused of blocking democracy

THE Lebanese businessman, speaking with an eight-inch cigar clamped between his teeth, confessed that his watch, so heavy with diamonds it could be spotted glittering across the room from 50 paces, had been a snip at $130,000 (£77,000).

All around him members of the *pouvoir* (power), as those close to President Mobutu are known in Zaire, glided through the Chez Nicola restaurant in a choking fog of expensive perfume. Apart from their extravagantly displayed wealth, the *pouvoir* are easy to spot in Kinshasa as they are almost the only people who still wear the Mobutu jacket.

Designed by the president after a brief visit to China 15 years ago, it is a Mao jacket with a collar. Those who wish to acknowledge the stumbling process towards democracy wear a brightly coloured silk cravat with it. In most cases, that is where their commitment to democracy ends.

A few diamond dealers and smugglers, corrupt officials, and representatives of multinational companies continue to gorge themselves on the country's extraordinary resources. But it will be a matter of days before rocketing inflation puts even basic foodstuffs beyond the means of most of the five million people in the capital. Zaire is the world's biggest producer of cobalt and the second largest of diamonds, but the price of a pound of sugar in the city's Grand Marché has doubled to $2 in the past five days and last month's inflation rate was said to be at least 1,000 per cent.

"Life is very hard for us traders because nobody has any money. We used to be busy here all the time but now we have to sell smaller and smaller packages," said Thérèse, aged 52, who was tying up two teaspoon bundles of dried milk; she sells an average of one tiny packet to a family a day.

At Kinshasa's international airport customs officers do not demand bribes: they beg for them. It costs $50 to get out of the airport if one is carrying a camera and officers who have missed out on the earlier pickings will pursue the unwary traveller to his taxi. "Monsieur, I am hungry. Monsieur, I am hungry, my children are hungry, give me five dollars for food," said one as he chased me down to my waiting car with such desperation in his eyes that I knew what he said was true.

For the past 14 years, Zaire has been like a vast, leaky ship without a rudder as President Mobutu, who has ruled the nation for 26 years, has confined his duties as head of state to systematically disrupting the democratisation of the country and cutting a dash abroad. His subjects, meanwhile, treat him with angry contempt as they struggle to cope with the results of inflation and a currency in free fall.

The government has suspended the national congress convened to draw up a new constitution. The opposition accuses President Mobutu of intimidation and attempting to rig the event. Paramilitary police ring the People's Palace where the gathering was held in what may be their last act of loyalty to the Mobutu regime. One former adviser said that as the country continues to drift, without an effective government, secessionist movements would seize the opportunity to benefit from the chaos and could begin a civil war. The biggest threat comes from the copper-rich Shaba province in the southeast, where President Mobutu has supressed two violent uprisings since 1968, and Kivu in the east.

The claims of opposition leaders to represent the will of the people are simply based on pervasive anti-Mobutu sentiment. None of the parties has presented a coherent economic or political policy for the nearly bankrupt country, nor can they boast of having elected officials.

Nevertheless Tschisekede Wa Molumba, leader of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress, is emerging as a president-in-waiting if President Mobutu can be persuaded to go or is toppled. "Mobutu has been demystified and the people are no longer afraid," said Mr Tschisekede. For all their denouncements of the president as "the biggest thief in the world", it is clear that many opposition leaders have dipped into the coffers themselves. The car parks at their press conferences are crammed with late-model Mercedes and four-wheel-drive saloons, in a city where a bag of rice to feed a family for a month costs nearly £24 — the average wage for a journalist here and double the salary of a police lieutenant.

Pretoria amnesty opens way for return of exiles

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG AND ALAN MCGREGOR IN GENEVA

THE South African government has agreed in principle to a general amnesty for all political exiles, paving the way for the repatriation of tens of thousands of anti-apartheid activists under the supervision of the United Nations.

The documents were initialled in Geneva yesterday and a formal agreement between Pretoria and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is expected shortly, after months of wrangling over the terms of the amnesty and the UN role.

In Geneva, Nicholas Bwakira, the head of the commissioner's African desk, said: "It is a giant step in the rapprochement between South Africa and the international community." Mr Bwakira, from Burundi, opened negotiations with Pretoria 16 months ago. "We are setting up an office in Johannesburg within the next two weeks, then sub-offices in four other cities," he said.

The accord will remove a political obstacle to negotiations on a new constitution, and may contribute towards South Africa eventually resuming its seat in the UN general assembly, which has been vacant for 20 years. A Pretoria spokesman said that the accord had not been finalised, but UN sources said that the only issues left were of a technical nature. About 3,000 exiles have returned in the past year under a selective amnesty, including the leadership of the African National Congress and other black nationalist organisations.

The number of exiles was initially estimated at up to 40,000, but UN sources say that the total wishing to return is now probably considerably less. The ANC appealed to its supporters in Zambia this week to ensure they applied in time for repatration.

An ANC spokesman in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, said many were complaining that they were not being given sufficient time to arrange for their return, but most were keen to go home. About half of the total are believed to be members or sympathisers of the ANC, including an estimated 7,000 cadres of its armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, in Uganda and Tanzania.

The amnesty will unlock foreign assistance for the repatriation operation, which will cost an estimated £23 million. America has pledged more than £2 million, while Austria has offered more than £100,000 for job-training and other aid programmes. Mr Bwakira said the UN commissioner hopes South Africa will make a big contribution in services and cash.

An ironic twist is that negotiations with the UN commissioner have been conducted by Les Manley, the South African ambassador to Switzerland. Mr Manley, as a former ambassador to the UN, told the security council in 1987 to "do its damnedest" with economic sanctions.

García may go for trial

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LIMA

ALAN Garcia, the former president of Peru, may stand trial on charges that he stole nearly $50 million (£30 million) in public funds, after lawmakers voted to lift his immunity from prosecution. He is also under investigation for links with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).

Analysts said that the vote was unprecedented in Peru's 167 years as a republic. The Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, voted 88-76 after a seven-hour debate to lift Señor Garciá's immunity. An uproar broke out among congress members of Señor Garciá's American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (Apra) after the vote was announced. Several dozen young activists in the gallery shouted: "The Apra will never die," and punched the air with their fists for ten minutes.

Señor Garcia, aged 42, has denied all charges of wrongdoing. He has accused his enemies of staging a witch-hunt and vowed to defend himself in court if he is brought to trial. The Senate has yet to make a decision. A vote on whether to lift immunity requires the approval of both houses.

Fernando Olivera, an independent congressman who heads a committee of the lower house investigating Señor Garcia's finances, accused him of having taken $50 million in public funds. "We want the country to regain its lost prestige," Señor Olivera said. He also accuses Señor Garcia of spending beyond the means of his $1,500 monthly presidential salary to build three houses in Lima.

The chamber debated both issues. Señor Olivera also spoke of alleged links between Señor Garcia and the collapsed BCCI. A Senate committee is investigating charges that two former Central Bank officials took $3 million in bribes from BCCI during Señor Garcia's term in exchange for depositing $270 million of Peru's international reserves in BCCI.

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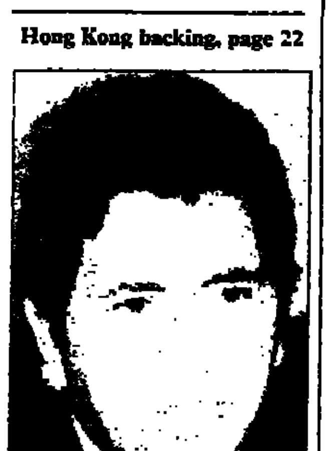

Garcia: immunity from prosecution may be lifted

Hope lost for four divers

From JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

THE four divers trapped in a decompression chamber that sank when an oil exploration barge capsized during a typhoon in the South China Sea were presumed dead yesterday. Their oxygen supply would have run out by dawn.

The Britons, Steve Hardy, Brian Sheppard and Terry Dennison, and John Lyons, from New Zealand, could not have survived. The search coordinator, Trevor Berry, said: "We are beginning to look at salvage rather than rescue."

Mr Berry, explaining his decision to concentrate on searching for survivors from Thursday's accident on the surface, added: "It is very sad, but I think we have got to accept that we have probably lost those missing men now."

Two specially trained divers from Singapore had been called in an attempt to free the men. But angry survivors from the oil barge that sank in the shark-infested waters began to question the vessel's safety and the choices that led up to the disaster which left at least 13 other people dead.

Hong Kong rescue teams braved the towering seas of Typhoon Fred to rescue 172 of the crew of Derrick Barge 29, and brought home 13 bodies, including the corpse of the captain, Billy Young, an American.

Smilin' Simon: the New York superstar showing his delight as 750,000 fans pack Central Park for his concert

Simon simply soothes New York

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IF THERE is a single person who can save New York, it seems to be Paul Simon. The diminutive pop star attracted 750,000 good-natured New Yorkers — more than the entire population of San Francisco — to Central Park on Thursday night for a free concert.

The last time a big star sang in the park — Diana Ross's concert in 1983 — the crowd went on the rampage through the city. At Simon's performance, however, only four people were arrested in the park — less than on an average night. "It's a perfect night in New York City," he announced to his fans.

Simon last played in Central Park a decade ago with his erstwhile partner Art Garfunkel, drawing about 400,000. Although he again played many of the duo's famous hits, such as *The Sound of Silence*, this time Garfunkel was absent.

"I'm not good enough to be invited," Garfunkel complained to *The New York Times*. "My guess is that it would hurt his sense of stature." The massive crowd delighted in retracing Simon's 25-year musical odyssey from *Bridge Over Troubled Water* to the *Graceland* album and his Brazilian-style hit *The Obvious Child*.

"It was absolutely wonderful," said Gabi Porter, aged 17. "What he's done for New York is incredible. The atmosphere was great — everyone was there to have fun and Paul Simon provided the fun." The four arrests were for disorderly conduct, petty larceny, grand larceny and robbery. The only serious incident occured when one fan fell 70ft from his vantage point in a tree.

All in all, the concert left New Yorkers feeling pretty good about themselves, despite the usual silly-season news stories about how the city is on the verge of collapse, with local government layoffs, rising crime and poverty.

The focus of attention this summer has been the Canarsie section of Brooklyn, the scene of a string of racial attacks known in the parlance of the New York Police Department as "bias crimes". The seemingly quiet neighbourhood has witnessed 14 racially inspired crimes since the July 4 Independence Day holiday.

The latest national crime figures show, however, that New York is not as dangerous as popularly imagined. The city dropped from ninth to tenth place in the murder rankings, well behind Washington in first place, and fell from 29th to 30th in overall crime, behind Atlanta, Georgia.

The New York police department was wondering yesterday whether crime would fall even further if Simon gave more concerts.

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Indian plane crash kills 69

Delhi — Sixty-nine people on board an Indian Airlines Boeing 737 were killed yesterday when the aircraft crashed as it prepared to land at the northeastern city of Imphal (Christopher Thomas writes).

The plane, on a scheduled flight from Calcatta to Imphal, was five miles from the airport when the control tower lost contact. Officials said the airline did not have information on the nationalities of the passengers, but added it was unlikely that any foreigners were on the flight.

Some reports suggested that the plane encountered bad weather. The area, close to the Burmese border, is subject to severe monsoon storms at this time of year.

The crash came a day after another plane flying in the region was the target of a hijack threat.

Detention threat

London — Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader under house arrest for 18 months, may be held for three more years, the junta said. Major-General Khin Nyunt, the military intelligence chief, accused the West of trying to destroy the regime. America has imposed trade sanctions on Burma.

Mutineers jailed

Buenos Aires — Argentina's highest military tribunal convicted and sentenced 26 non-commissioned officers to jail sentences ranging from 30 days to nine years for last December's one-day rebellion in which at least 13 people died. The ruling automatically goes to the civilian federal appeals court for review. *(AP)*

Flood aid

Peking — The Chinese government is releasing an additional 1.5 billion yuan (about £165 million) to aid people hardest hit by recent flooding. Most of the cash will be spent on food, shelter, medical treatment and the repair of damaged hospitals and schools, with the remainder going towards non-specified projects. *(AFP)*

Stepping back

Peking — More than 3,000 Chinese students are retracing the gruelling 1934-5 Long March by China's Communist forefathers as part of a renewed campaign to boost ideological awareness on campuses. The *People's Daily* said they hoped to gain "the victorious spirit of revolutionary heroism". *(Reuter)*

Venue switch

Boston — Harvard university organisers of an international Aids conference due in Boston next year say it will be moved to another country because of American entry restrictions, which scientists have criticised severely, on people with the HIV virus. A new venue is expected to be announced within a month. *(Reuter)*

Defiant Tokyo

Tokyo — Japan has no intention of apologising to America for its attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, said Nobuo Ishihira, a government spokesman, and the US should apologise to Japan. "All peoples of the world must have regrets over the war in that they were unable to preclude the unfortunate situation." *(AFP)*

Jailhouse rot

Baltimore — The state of Maryland has found 93 people in the Baltimore city detention centre awaiting non-existent dates for court hearings, after a homeless man who spent a year in jail without trial was released. The cases had been forgotten because of widespread errors in keeping the prison's records. *(AFP)*

Discovery of uranium core ruins Maralinga cover-up

From ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

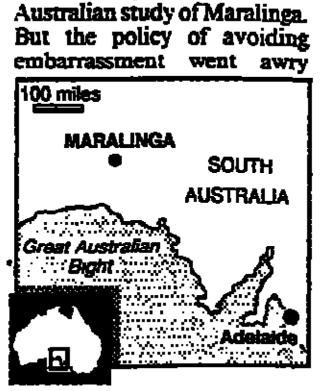
SCIENTISTS demonstrating their radiation monitors in June to the new British high commissioner to Australia, Brian Barder, on his first tour of the Maralinga nuclear range, South Australia, stumbled on a 5kg uranium core, believed to be part of the inner workings of an old atom bomb, sticking out of the sand in an area Britain claimed to have cleaned up in 1967.

Active uranium and plutonium were dispersed during the secret "Minor Trials" in which nuclear weapons were blown apart with high explosives to simulate aircraft accidents, while not creating a big nuclear detonation.

The uranium core should have been returned to Britain for weapons analysis. But one of the scientists present, Dr Mike Costello, now says that it was locked up in a safe at the Maralinga base.

According to Dr Des Davy, Australia's leading nuclear physicist appointed to head a four-year government study to cost a clean-up at Maralinga, Britain was to be spared any embarrassment over what was unearthed there. He said: "We were interested in trying to have a set of options which would allow the land to be released for general access. Then we wanted to make sure that the British were not concerned that anything that might be dug up would be embarrassing to them."

British and American scientists co-operated with the Australian study of Maralinga. But the policy of avoiding embarrassment went awry with the discovery of the core. A senior government source has said its revelation could jeopardise any chance of Britain accepting liability for a share of the estimated $Aus100 million (£47 million) bill at Maralinga.



Privately, officials suggest the publicly stated reason for the clean-up — to make the area safe for returning Aboriginals — obscures the other requirement to meet Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty regulations that Maralinga's 25-year abandonment has technically breached.

Details of nuclear weapons data and material still lying around the world's only abandoned nuclear weapons range — which could assist an aspiring nuclear power — will be broadcast tonight on Australian television. A *Dateline* programme, "Maralinga — A Secret Deal", follows an investigation by *The Times* and the Australian government's SBS television network.

The programme also reveals how the French government-controlled exploration company Elf Aquitaine surveyed the range and built an unauthorised road to the site of Britain's most secret nuclear experiments, two years before these were exposed by the Australian government in 1984.

Britain still refuses to accept liability for the severe contamination from the Minor Trials discovered at Maralinga after it had left and had given the range a clean bill of health.

Militants attack Japanese bank

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

NOT content with taking a hostage at gunpoint a week ago from the headquarters of the world's largest brokerage, Nomura Securities, Shokonjuku, a Japanese extreme right-wing nationalist group, dispatched two more young men yesterday to attack, with Japanese swords, a Tokyo branch of Fuji Bank.

The two men arrived at the Asakusa branch of the bank, the nation's fourth-largest, at lunchtime and ordered female employees and customers to leave. Threatening the remaining employees, and slashing the bank counter with their blades, they demanded an audience with the bank's president.

Police arrested the two for violation of the firearms and sword control law, and said that they were investigating the possibility of a link with Fuji Bank's recent fraud scandal. A former section chief and two other employees of the Asakusa branch are suspected of issuing 51 false deposit certificates worth 260 billion yen (£1.1 billion) to certain customers to be used as collateral to borrow funds from other lending institutions.

The men, if sentenced, may meet the two who spent last Friday lunchtime holding up Nomura Securities. Last week's protest was about a different financial scandal, this time against Nomura's involvement in a stock loss compensation affair, which yesterday widened to include more brokerage houses.

Four small securities houses joined Japan's big four (Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi) last night when they admitted their involvement in the compensation scandal in which the stock and bond trading losses of favoured clients were improperly reimbursed by securities houses. Aizawa Securities, Izumi Securities, Naigai Securities and Meiko Securities filed corrected annual reports on their securities trading transactions between April 1989 and March 1990. The Japan Securities Dealers' Association said that among them the four paid out 861 million yen to clients including Fuji Bank and Mitsubishi Corporation. Ten per cent salary cuts for one month were announced for most senior staff of each company.

Camera frames 'rapist'

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

NEW York's tabloid newspapers could hardly believe their luck this week when police released a photograph said to be of a bespectacled black man sought for a series of rapes on Manhattan's Upper East Side. But yesterday it emerged that a malfunction in the secret cameras recording transactions in the bank had *misaligned* the photographs and a picture of an innocent man had been released.

The photograph showed the man leaving a bank after apparently drawing money from a cash machine with a bank card stolen from one of the rape victims. The *Daily News* ran the photograph over its entire front page as a "Wanted" poster, and the public responded by jamming a police hotline with calls identifying the suspect.

"We went to him and he said he didn't do it," said Lieutenant Henry Beattie of the Manhattan sex crimes unit. The unidentified man has never been in trouble with the law. Lieutenant Beattie conceded: "His life has been turned upside down".

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EC mission fired on as truce nears collapse

By ROBERT SEELY IN ZAGREB AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A HELICOPTER carrying members of the European Community observer mission was hit by gunfire yesterday amid signs that the truce between Serbia and Croatia, the warring Yugoslav republics, was nearing collapse.

The helicopter was forced to land on a farm after being hit near the town of Novska, southeast of Zagreb, Marco Hennis an EC spokesman said. "There was material damage but no personal injury." Croatian authorities later reported that two bullets hit the underside of the helicopter while four more were lodged in its blades.

The helicopter was hit during fighting between Serbian guerrillas and Croatian security forces around the town of Okucani, near Novska. Witnesses said several people were killed in the fighting, which Belgrade radio said erupted after Croatian police and national guard units rejected an ultimatum to leave two villages.

Zagreb radio said "terrorists", its way of describing Serbian guerrillas, fired on the helicopter, which carried the EC emblem. Throughout yesterday, heavy fighting was reported in Croatia as Serbian military units attempted to make further inroads into the republic.

Some of the worst violence took place around the Sisak region in central Croatia. The republic's news agency claimed that there were also several mortar attacks on Okucani. The bodies of three women and two men were discovered in their houses in two villages near the town of Petrinja. Croatian officials said that they had been murdered by Serbian Chetniks within the past two days. News of the killings was received after refugees reached Petrinja, 30 miles from Zagreb.

The attack on the helicopter is bound to expose the community's powerlessness in protecting its observers, and question whether further action, such as the recognition of Croatia's independence, might be the only lever by which the community can influence the Serbian government in Belgrade.

Luka Bebic, the Croatian minister of defence, appealed for military aid to "create an equilibrium". While claiming that Croatia now possessed anti-tank and surface-to-air missiles, Mr Bebic said that "arms aid" was needed to deter Serbia from further thrusts within Croatia, or other parts of Yugoslavia. "Only recognition of Croatian and Serbian independence and help with buying or giving of arms can create a balance in the region," he said.

Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, said that EC assistance did not go far enough. He also claimed that another Yugoslav republic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, would be facing a similar threat from Serbs backed by the federal army.

In the early hours of yesterday, more fighting broke out in eastern Croatia around the town of Osijek with mortar attacks on police positions and buildings. Yesterday, militiamen hijacked a train in eastern Croatia and took several people hostage. They are demanding the release of Serbs from Croatian jails.

Crowds of Witnesses ease siege

By ROBERT SEELY

THOUSANDS of Jehovah's Witnesses have descended on Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, for a three-day assembly to discuss "freedom" and "God's divine work".

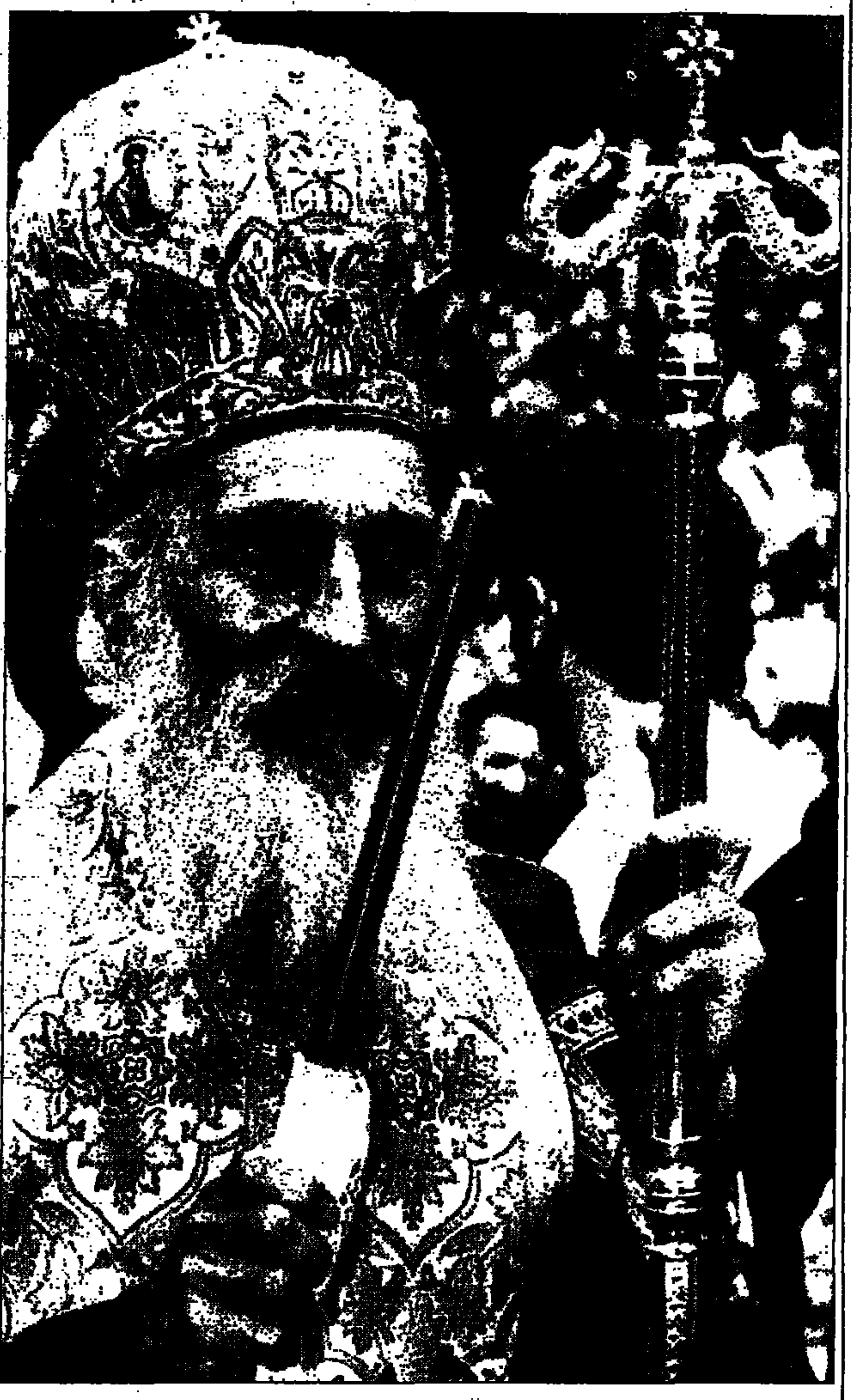
Both these commodities appear to be in short supply here, although the faithful, who have arrived from North America and Western Europe, provide a brief sense of relief from the persistent rumours in the city of an imminent offensive by Yugoslavia's Serb-dominated federal army.

"We had been wondering whether to come but in the end we decided to go ahead with things. This will be an instructive period for us," said Armando Acchione, who is in charge of an Italian delegation of more than 2,000 members of the sect.

The irony of the conference's title — "Lovers of divine freedom" — has not been lost on Croats who are struggling against what they see as Serb domination. It is a name that rings hollow in this war-torn rebel republic, criss-crossed by checkpoints manned by trigger-happy fighters. Whether the religious group will actually be Croatia's witnesses to Serbia's long-expected attack is open to question. The rumours probably owe more to a sense of Croatian powerlessness and fear than to reality.

Signor Acchione proudly said that the conference is the first to be held by the organisation in Yugoslavia. It is, in fact, the first to be organised by Jehovah's Witnesses in a state at war with itself.

"Man was never meant to be in a state of slavery. God means us to be free from all kinds of bondage," Signor Acchione added. Freedom for Croats would indeed be divine.



Shedding light: Patriarch Pavel, the spiritual leader of the Serbian Orthodox Church, lighting a candle yesterday during a commemoration service marking the 70th anniversary of the death of King Peter I, the first monarch of Yugoslavia

Dirty tricks are horses for Siena's courses

From ANDREW MCEWEN IN SIENA

THE stone-flagged backstreets of Siena became a battleground of pushing, shoving, shouting humanity in the early hours of yesterday as fist fights broke out between the city's rival tribes on the eve of the Palio, the twice-yearly horse race held in the medieval main square.

Filled with wine after traditional open-air feasts at long tables, members of the *contrade*, the organisations which control different quarters of Siena, furiously disputed the merits of their horses and jockeys. The Panther and Eagle *contrade* are seen as front-runners.

The Palio must be either the world's dirtiest horse race or the most realistic, if realism is the acceptance of the unavoidable. Almost everything that other racing authorities have tried to ban has been sanctified in Siena as "tradition". Many of the men who stumbled home in the early hours yesterday nursed bruises but not grudges; beating up the rivals is regarded as an acceptable part of the fun. Many who thumped each other in the chest yesterday will be slapping each other on the back tomorrow.

Bribing the jockeys of other *contrade* is equally part of the tradition. Before the finals the captain of each *contrada* elicits donations from his members, giving him a "war chest" of between £50,000 and £250,000. Each captain uses the money to try to secure the loyalty of his own jockey and to seduce those of others. It is part of his job to bribe other riders to pull their horses, or to strike deals with other *contrade*.

All the bidding takes place in the last minutes before the race and can make or break of the jockey or the *contrade*.

Paradoxically, the winner is in some ways the loser, in that the costs of victory are so great that *contrade* often do deals afterwards to avoid a second victory.

The jockeys are issued with whips made from the extended skin of the penis of a bull and are expected to use it to beat each other, not the horses. Every Palio has an element of chance balancing an element which can be fixed. In a recent race a wealthy *contrada* succeeded in buying out all its rivals in the minutes before the race, but still lost it because the best horse refused to be "pulled" by its jockey. The chance element lies in the horses which are allocated to the *contrade* only three days before the finals to prevent wealthy areas of the city being guaranteed victory.

Four hours before the finals the nine competing horses received blessings, each in the parish church of the *contrada* to which it had been allocated. In one parish a magnificent horse called Pitheos was led down the aisle of San Niccolo del Carmine.

Padre Alfonso Pelone said a prayer asking that Pitheos be protected against the risks of the race. As the animal was led out *contrada* members in blue and crimson costumes, the colours of the Panthers, chanted encouragement.

In the pew next to me an elderly lady with a silk fan, observed: "Nobody can really understand the loyalty people feel towards their contradas unless they live and grow up in this town". Most in the packed square awaiting the final race seemed unmoved by the row over criticisms by Franco Zeffirelli, the film and opera director, and Brigitte Bardot, the actress, that the race is a form of cruelty.

The Pope warns of freedom perils

Budapest — The Pope, looking tired and drawn after his strenuous trip to Poland, yesterday began the first papal visit to Hungary in nearly a thousand years with a warning that the building of a post-communist society could be compromised by what he called "self-centred interests" (Ernest Beck writes).

Emphasising what is likely to be a prominent theme of his four-day visit, the Pope spoke of the need for justice and humanity. He declared in English at Budapest airport: "You are now fully aware that the new climate of freedom does not by itself resolve all the problems of your life."

The last pope to visit Hungary was Leo IX in 1052 . Today, the Pope finds a church in crisis. Battered by accusations from the older generation that some of its present leaders were simply puppets of the former communist regime, it is also losing young people to flourishing evangelical sects. Polls show that only 20 per cent of all baptised Catholics are regular churchgoers.

Yakovlev goes

Moscow — Aleksandr Yakovlev, a former leading adviser to President Gorbachev, announced that he was resigning from the Communist party a day after the party ordered him expelled. He said in *Izvestia* that he was "offended" by the party move. *(AFP)*

Asylum sought

Brindisi — The crew of an Albanian torpedo boat sailed toward Italian shores and asked for political asylum after port authorities intercepted the craft, police said. The boat's officer, three navy crewmen and a fifth person, a civilian, were being questioned here. *(AP)*

Reactor reprieve

Sofia — Bulgaria has postponed shutting down an ailing nuclear reactor at its Kozloduy plant on the Danube because a strike by coal miners is threatening output at coal-fired power plants. Kozloduy's five reactors produce 40 per cent of the nation's electricity. *AFP)*

Threat to polls

Sofia — All non-communist deputies in Bulgaria's parliament walked out during a debate on a new electoral law, placing a question mark over elections planned for mid-October. They claim the new law would be biased in favour of the Socialist party, formerly the communist party. *(Reuter)*

About turn

Wünsdorf — Soviet army deserters, disillusioned by life as asylum-seekers in Germany, have begun trickling back to barracks asking for permission to go home. The return rate is still low — about 15 out of more than 200 soldiers who have fled west — but the Soviet army believes numbers will grow. *(Reuter)*

Armenian rebels free three Soviet soldiers

From REUTER IN MOSCOW

ARMENIAN guerrillas released three captured Soviet soldiers yesterday but were still holding another 38, according to Tass.

The rebels seized the soldiers this week and held them as hostages in an attempt to secure the release of an arrested Armenian militant leader known as "Napoleon". The troops were captured in Nagorno-Karabakh, a largely-Armenian enclave inside the southern republic of Azerbaijan.

The Soviet interior ministry said on Thursday that it was prepared to use force to free the hostages. Tense negotiations between General Valeri Starikov and the rebels, through an intermediary from the separatist Armenian government, resumed yesterday.

"There were ultimatums and sharp declarations by both sides. But the release of three hostages shows that attempts to resolve the problem peacefully are yielding results," Tass said.

The Armenian groups are demanding the release of the militant leader, Zhura Petrosian, known to his followers as "Napoleon". The ministry earlier rejected guerrilla demands for the release of 15 Armenians detained by Soviet security forces in the Nagorno-Karabakh region over the past three months.

Ministry troops are attempting to round up and disarm Armenian groups operating in the region and on the border between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Hundreds of people have been killed over the past three years in the conflict over control of Nagorno-Karabakh. The Armenian government claims sovereignty over Nagorno-Karabakh but denies it has any links with groups fighting in the area.

Yeltsin puts down welcome mat for Russian 'traitors'

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

LESS than five years ago they were still traitors to the motherland; suddenly they are "compatriots" — and Moscow, the pre-Petrine and post-Soviet capital of Russia, is laying on an orgiastic celebration of Russianness to welcome them back. "We are one people" will be its theme.

There will be folk-singing and dancing, daily church services, concerts and plays, and a pageant. There are bus trips to newly restored monasteries, meetings with the new class of entrepreneurs and "round tables" for discussing, in a multitude of guises, the Russian condition.

The two-week Congress of Compatriots opens officially on Monday but is already revving itself up, to the confusion of present and former Muscovites alike. The word "compatriot", recently employed as a nice way of saying "émigré", means little to Soviet Russians who wonder why "compatriots" merit welcome banners in the street. They wonder, too, why there are so many foreigners around who speak a sort of Russian and haggle more resolutely than foreigners should.

Arriving "compatriots" are puzzled, too. In the lobby of the Rossiya hotel yesterday, where a whole wing has been requisitioned for them, little groups of émigrés were trying to change money, and find a lift that was working or even a full programme for their congress. They speak the same language as those around them, and yet they do not. They are taking part in an international conference, in a supposedly international-standard hotel, and yet the wheels are somehow rolling at cross purposes.

Yesterday's wandering "compatriots", directed from pillar to post to obtain the most basic information, were showing admirable forbearance. Having come so far to visit the land of their ancestors, they were not about to write it off after a few hours.

The congress was presented as the brainchild of Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, before he was elected president. There was always a suspicion, however, that the true author was close to President Gorbachev's office, from where the idea of co-opting the émigrés in the cause of perestroika and reuniting the nation first issued. The émigrés, a shrewd apparatchik might have calculated, would respond more readily to an invitation from Mr Yeltsin.

UK resists compensation idea for Gulf servicemen

By JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND RAY CLANCY

BRITAIN is resisting an American proposal that the families of allied servicemen killed in the Gulf war should be able to recover compensation from Iraq, according to diplomatic sources.

The American proposal, which could also enable wounded servicemen to receive damages, was discussed at a recent meeting in Geneva of the governing council of the UN compensation fund set up to settle war claims against Iraq.

Up to 30 percent of Iraq's future oil revenues will be channelled into the fund to meet claims, starting with $480 million (£289 million) raised from the sale of $1.6 billion of Iraqi oil authorised by the security council on Thursday night.

The United Nations has promised to give individuals precedence over companies and governments in receiving compensation, and has announced an "expedited procedure" for individual claimants including Western "human shields" taken hostage by Iraq.

But Britain and France are opposing the American proposal to allow allied servicemen to seek damages from the compensation fund. Both countries cite problems with precedent in international law, which has never allowed soldiers to claim compensation from the enemy. "There is nothing like this in international law," said one diplomat.

The 15-nation governing council of the fund said in a recent report that it was still considering the proposal, which one American source described as "very controversial". The council has also not yet decided whether to allow claims for "mental pain and anguish".

British hostages used as human shields welcomed the resolutions. But they said that a long drawn-out system of reparations will not help anyone and they urged the Foreign Office to ensure that claims are met quickly. Some said the psychological damage could never be compensated and many are also owed wages by the Kuwaiti government.

Peter Stubbs, who was held at a power station in Baghdad and at a military installation in the north, has already filed in a claim for £75,000 which includes around £20,000 for loss of earnings. He is also claiming for possessions such as furniture, cars and his wife's jewellery.

"We always knew it was going to take a long time, but the worrying thing is not knowing how much we can recover and when."

Defector's nuclear site identified as pump station

By JAMES BONE

A WARREN of tunnels in the mountains of northern Iraq that had been identified by an Iraqi defector as a possible underground nuclear installation has turned out to be a pumping station for a hydro-electric project, a United Nations source said yesterday.

The source said that UN inspectors had visited the site near Mosul on the basis of information provided by the defector, but found that it was simply a pump storage system which transferred water from the bottom of the dam to a lake at the top during off-peak electricity generating periods. A description of the site is expected to be included in the report of the fourth UN nuclear inspection team to visit Iraq under the terms of the ceasefire resolution ending the Gulf war.

The team, which left Baghdad this week, will also report that Iraq has disclosed the existence of a factory for making gas centrifuges, advanced machines used to enrich uranium, but that only about six such machines have actually been found, the source said.

Tanks shell oil well

From REUTER IN AHMADI, KUWAIT

AMERICAN army tanks went into action in Kuwait's blazing oilfield yesterday to help firefighters tackling the ugliest legacy of the Gulf war.

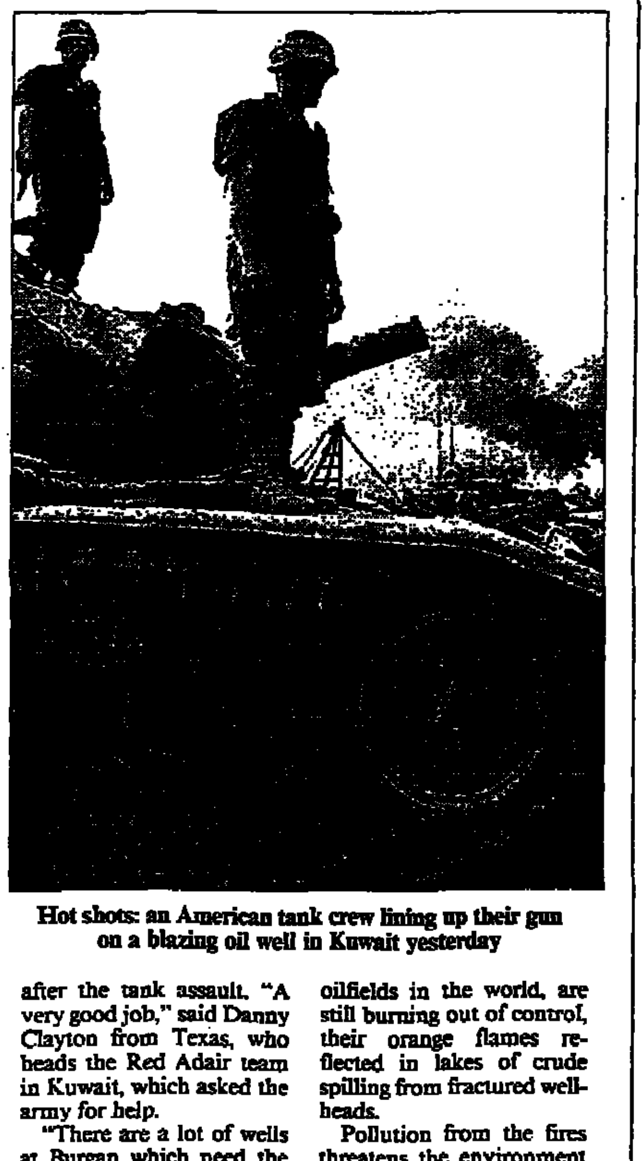
"Very successful," was the verdict from Larry Flak, of the Kuwait oil company, after a tank pumped ten high-velocity rounds into the rock-hard belly of a burning mound of coke on well BG93 in the Burgan field. All but one of the shells hit their target as the modified M60 tank launched Operation Victory Crude. They cut to minutes the job of breaking up the hard-packed residue which would have taken firefighters three days to accomplish before beginning to cap the well.

Each shell sent a huge plume of fire into the morning sky, lighting the murk beneath dense, black clouds of oily smoke which blocked out the sun. The blasts echoed across the desert, lit by orange flames from other wells set alight by the retreating Iraqis at the end of February.

"We went in with this rake and made three drags at it. It just fell apart. It's full of cracks and makes it very easy to peel the material away," said Mr Flak after the tank assault. "A very good job," said Danny Clayton from Texas, who heads the Red Adair team in Kuwait, which asked the army for help.

"There are a lot of wells at Burgan which need the same operation. We will use the tanks again," he added. Scores of wells at Burgan, one of the biggest oilfields in the world, are still burning out of control, their orange flames reflected in lakes of crude spilling from fractured well-heads.

Pollution from the fires threatens the environment of the Gulf and a plume of smoke spreads as far south as Bahrain. In Iran, greasy black rain has ruined crops.



Hot shots: an American tank crew lining up their gun on a blazing oil well in Kuwait yesterday

Syrians fume at view over Golan

From ADAM KELLIHER IN QUNEITRA

IF PRESIDENT Assad gets his way, the minefields and UN soldiers separating Israel and Syria will be moved west, and the Golan Heights will again be his. But given the vista of Israel from Syria none of this is likely to happen soon. From the UN post behind the devastated Syrian city of Quneitra, the Jewish settlements look permanent.

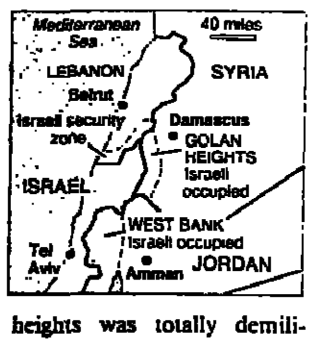
In the distance vehicles constantly plied the roads towards verdant agricultural settlements hewn from the slopes of Ein Siwan hill, atop which sits a radar station built to snoop on Syria. About 200 yards away the Israeli flag fluttered at the rival border post, separated by a minefield.

To a Syrian, the tranquil vista induces anger. "It is our land," hissed our government minder, Bassam, a hitherto calm character who suddenly began flailing his arms in a display of pique. "It was stolen from us."

Israel conquered the Golan Heights in the 1967 war, knocking out the Syrian artillery that for years had rained shells on the Jewish state. A truce engineered by Henry Kissinger in 1973 saw the Israelis return about 450sq km of Syrian territory but retain the strategic heights. Today the enemies are separated by a buffer zone operated by UN soldiers and the frontier is one of Israel's quietest, with Syria only being the launching pad for cross-border raids by free-lance guerillas on the rare occasions when Damascus does not hear of the strikes.

If the peace process gets under way, Syria hopes that it will deliver its biggest prize — the return of the Golan which is a matter of personal pride for President Assad who was defence minister when it fell. In a recent interview, he said: "If Israel is not going to quit the occupied land why should we want peace?"

The only way Israel would cede control would be if the heights was totally demilitarised but Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, has maintained that it is not up for negotiation, making any talks a non-starter from President Assad's point of view. But with Iraq emasculated, Syria remains the only Arab nation that can really threaten Israel. An agreement between the two would give the Jewish state the peace it has not enjoyed since its creation in 1948: the effective end of the regional Arab strategy to annihilate Israel.



Clifford Longley

By retaining their prejudices, churches warp the history of English Christianity

Martin Luther and Ignatius Loyola were contemporaries. In 1562, one of the early Jesuits, Jeronimo Nadal, wrote of the two of them: "In that same year that Luther was called by the devil, Ignatius was called by God." Early Lutherans thought much the same in reverse, for the Society of Jesus was one of the first and most dramatic results of the Counter-Reformation. All Europe became a battlefield – theologically and sometimes literally – and each side argued and fought as if the survival of Christianity itself were at stake. For so they believed.

All that is over, or so says the conventional wisdom. But European man is increasingly taking a third option, neither Catholic nor Protestant but secular. The Reformation is declared over, the Counter-Reformation wound up, yet somewhere in the heart of all those taking the secular road is the attitude of "a plague on both their houses". The survival of Christianity was indeed at stake in these old quarrels, but not in the way the adversaries imagined. The division of the churches, and their unresolved history of mutual strife, remains their single least attractive feature. And try as they might, they cannot overcome it.

Ignatius Loyola (top) and Martin Luther: everybody's heroes

For all that new ecumenical goodwill, the churches insist on holding each other at arm's length. All the early hopes of "one great church" by 1960, 1980, or the year 2000 have come to nought. Schemes for church unity have lost their lustre, for they have been tried too often without success.

Officially, where they fail is over some difference of doctrine or practice, which one side or the other regards as a compromise too many. In reality, however, they fail because they run straight into the historical buffers. And so they always will, until the history is revised and hearts are warmed with new insight.

Yet the role of historical revisionism in fostering the ecumenical movement has hardly been recognised. Churches are not mere collections of individuals; they are communities with collective memories. What they remember most clearly is how they began. And most new denominations began as a protest against something older and larger, which was deemed corrupt. In their foundation documents, and therefore in their present identity, is the deep conviction "we were right and they were wrong".

Even now, nine out of ten religious books and articles on historical themes is written for a readership of one persuasion only, that of the author. Their authors continue to recycle the received prejudices of their own groups – usually believing their own version of events is the only one possible, quite ignorant of the alternative beliefs in the church down the road. More perniciously, they treat their subjects so narrowly that anybody from a different background is crudely excluded.

So the only people doing anything at all for the hungry children of London in the 19th century were the Evangelicals or Roman Catholics or Methodists or Tractarians or Salvation Army – according to the version in question. And it is hardly surprising that these denominations are still capable of seeing their role in society from behind these same blinkers, as if they alone faced the problems. They all have separate histories of the same period, and for a religious hero to be admired, he or she must be of the same religious clan as the admirer.

Even football supporters are less narrow-minded. In all other spheres, a century or two is enough to dissolve partisanship, and past great men and women of politics, science and literature (and sport) belong to everyone. But which English Catholic ever heard of George Whitefield, which Anglican of Bishop Challoner, which of either of Jabez Bunting? They have been excluded from the collective memory of the nation, the property still of only their own factions. Yet these three – and there are many more such names in the annals of the major denominations – are among the most important figures in the religious history of England since the Reformation. Omitting any of them means producing a partial history, and partial history is untrue history.

There are exceptions. For instance, the latest edition of *The Month*, published by the English Jesuits, contains a generous appreciation of Luther by Philip Endean SJ of Heythrop College. He and St Ignatius faced similar problems, writes Father Endean: their world was in cultural ferment, and they came to not dissimilar solutions. "Are we prepared to let God mould us anew, as he remoulded the medieval church through figures like Luther and Ignatius?" he asks, cancelling at last Nadal's fiercely unfair judgment. But this trans-denominational approach to religious history remains as rare as it is refreshing.

Doctrinal revisionism has done its best for ecumenism, and its achievements are considerable. The same revisionist task is needed in the communities which hold these beliefs, and needed for their own histories and myths. Churches can only unite by sharing their stories. The official history of Christianity in England must become wider than the story of the Church of England, and the unofficial story of schism, dissent, disinterest and recusance woven into it.

In due course all these separate histories must be merged in a single sequential tale, the property of all the churches equally. And then, finally, this one story can become the property of the nation, the true religious component of English history.

Michael Wood journeys back from a modern battlefield to lament the rape of an ancient civilisation

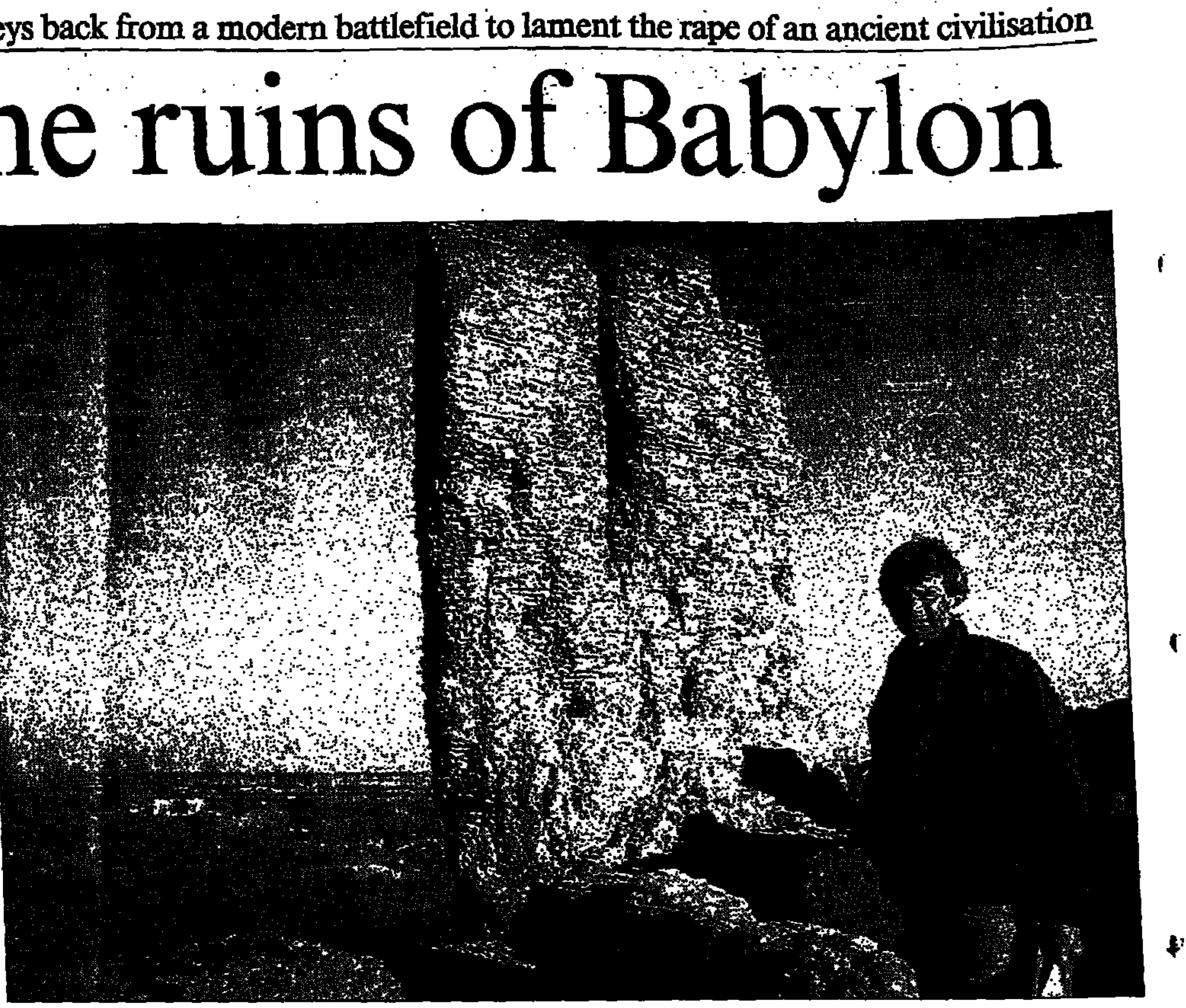
By the ruins of Babylon

For most of us, television images of the Gulf war were the first real look at the south Iraqi landscape: dust-blown Shia refugees at US checkpoints in sight of the ziggurat of Ur of the Chaldees, the city of Abraham. But when the Western powers came to wage war here this year, they were returning to the root of their own civilisation.

The world's first true cities were built here around 3000BC by the Sumerians. A mysterious gifted people whose language has no known affinity, the Sumerians invented writing and created the first law, science and much else besides. Hard-bitten realists when it came to human nature, they told a wonderful myth about the beginning of civilisation which reads like a metaphor for Iraq's brilliant but tragic history.

The arts of civilisation – the essential qualities which they thought made up civilised life – were zealously guarded by Enki, the God of Wisdom, in the ancient shrine of Eridu. The oldest temple in the south, Eridu was the site of the Tree of Life, situated literally in the Garden of Eden (Edin being the Sumerian name for the wild grassland beyond the ordered fields around the first cities). In the myth, the goddess Ishtar, sexy, fecund and dangerous, got old Enki drunk one night and persuaded him to share his precious secret, his knowledge of the arts of civilisation. Here were the delights of society, exquisite craftsmanship, beautiful clothes, the arts of sex and music: "There was the art of being kind, the art of being ruthless, the art of straightforwardness, the art of deceit."

As the list lengthens, the paradoxes pile up: "There was the art of rejoicing, the kindling of strife, the plundering of cities, the setting up of lamentation, fear, pity, terror." All this was civilisation, said the God of Wisdom: "All this I give you, but once taken you cannot give them back." With that, Ishtar hurried back to her city, Uruk, whence the fateful arts spread to the whole world.


Monument to a lost culture: Michael Wood before the ziggurat of Ur of the Chaldees, southern Iraq, on the eve of the Gulf war

The heartland of cities, Iraq's deep south, is now a wild desert where ferocious sandstorms can blow up in an instant. Around Eridu, debris from as early as 5000BC lies at the foot of the temple hill. This was a military post in the war with Iran, and on its summit, ancient remains mingle with bully-beef tins and signal wire.

All the cities of Sumer were destroyed around 2000BC by invaders from Iran and the desert. The south never regained its independence, although its people have constantly resisted oppressive rule from the north, right up to the Shia revolt of 1991. Many of the later rulers of Iraq were foreign – Persians, Greeks, Parthians, Arabs – and all presided over great periods of art and culture.

After the Islamic conquest, Baghdad was the centre of a tremendous flowering of Islamic humanism and science. At this time, the city was called by a Persian geographer "the most prosperous on earth, a seat of scholars and great riches". By then the old towns of the south had gone, but in the schools of Baghdad, the Mesopotamian legacy was passed on in medicine, mathematics, astronomy and even in Hellenism and gnosticism.

Baghdad was sacked in 1258 by the Mongols. Its libraries were wrecked and its irrigation system ruined. "Even if no evil befell Iraq for another thousand years," said a witness, "it would still never come back to what it was." This catastrophe, one of so many in Iraqi history, left its mark until our century. Afterwards, the land was exploited and brutalised, a mere ghost of its past. The discovery of oil would change all this.

In time, British colonial rule was followed by the rule of the Baathists, and the old pattern of Iraqi history repeated itself. Although this is the land which invented law so that "the strong might not oppress the weak", it seems destined to be ruled either by exploitative foreigners or native military dynasties.

The ordinary people of Iraq have always been left to suffer. Hard-bitten and resilient, their character is evident in collections of jokes and proverbs from nearly 4,000 years ago. Exactly the same sentiments can be found in proverbs from medieval Baghdad: "Rather the abuse of power than the fairness of subjects", "If you're an anvil, suffer; if you're a stick, make someone else suffer", "Worship the monkey when he is all-powerful". It's easy to find such ironic acceptance of the worst in any café on the Tigris today, though there are no jokes about Saddam in public: in the new Iraq, jokes are death.

It is easy to forget that Iraq is a pluralist society and always has been. Its population is Arab, Kurdish, Turkoman, Persian, with many smaller minorities. In Mosul, there are several different Christian churches, Chaldean, Syrian, Armenian and Latin. In Baghdad, the Mandaeans still practice full immersion in the Tigris, with rituals in Mandaic, a language related to the Aramaic that Jesus spoke.

There are even a couple of thousand Jews left in Baghdad: remnant of the once-great Jewish culture of Iraq, whose 2,500-year-old history ended in the 1950s with the departure of more than 100,000 people to Israel. Theirs was a glorious history. The great Talmud was written in Iraq in the first centuries after Christ, and in the Middle Ages one might properly speak of a Judaeo-Islamic culture here.

The Kurds – Muslims but not Arabs – make up 20 per cent of the population; the ruling Sunni Arabs account for only perhaps 10 or 15 per cent. The majority – two-thirds of the people – speak Arabic but are descended not from the Arab conquerors of the 7th century but from the original native Mesoptamian population of the south. These are the Shia, whose story has been one of recurring persecution by their fellow Muslims, though their culture has preserved many rich legacies from the pre-Islamic past.

The Shias have had to show tenacity over a very long time. As early as the 9th century, Kerbala was wrecked and deliberately flooded by one Sunni Caliph, who forbade pilgrimage to the spot. In the early 19th century, the iconoclastic Wahabis sacked the inner shrine of Imman Hussein himself. So Saddam's devastation of the sacred city is in a long tradition of Mesopotamian rulers crushing the Shias, and before them the people of the old south. After 1,300 years, we are still witnessing the aftermath of the original Arab conquest of Iraq.

Since the allied victory in the Gulf, the Baghdad regime has wrecked Shia mosques and religious libraries across the south, and bulldozed cemeteries. The ancient theological university at Najaf is closed, and the Shia call to prayer banned. When Saddam's tanks rolled into Kerbala to quell the March uprising, many bore placards proclaiming "No more Shi'ites after today".

It is hard not to feel outrage at the torments inflicted on the long-suffering Iraqi people in the present war and its aftermath, which has left Saddam in power and his republican guard largely intact. "I know there are many good men and women among the Iraqi people" said a rheumy-eyed Baghdadi scholar one night overlooking the Tigris. "I hope one day they may enjoy the freedoms that you do."

His predecessors, of course, would not be surprised by the events of 1991. In 1258, one wrote of "these fools who destroy the treasures of knowledge and learning". He went on: "I thought I understood the world, but this violence is so pointless that I am struck dumb." Back in the second millennium BC, the tale was the same: "Once upon a time, you Sumer set the ideals of civilisation upon humankind, lofty ideals robed in enduring light – once upon a time when there was no fear, no terror."

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Filming in Saddam Hussein's Iraq

I remember a night under the stars in the southern marshes, eating fish cooked in a clay kiln by the daughter of a marsh Arab. On the eastern horizon, distant flickering fires marked where Saddam's troops were hounding down deserters from the war with Iran. Next day at the governate in Nasiriya, an army officer whispered: "Film the marshes while you can – they won't be here much longer." And by Christmas 1989, the levee road all the way to Jubaish was surrounded by dry land.

Up in the mountains of Kurdistan there was one memorable afternoon when the sheikh of the Yezidis – the so called "devil worshippers" – held a feast for our film crew in a lovely spot surrounded by oak and juniper. Beyond, rumbled distant gunfire: tests for the supergun.

Filming in Iraq was a constant thrill and a constant headache. Our security minder, Muhammed, was forever throwing himself in front of the camera. The ancient streets of Irbil were "too primitive". Bedouin were out of bounds ("We don't have them in Iraq"). Black cladded Shiite women in Kerbela were "dirty".

Poor Muhammed. One night we sat over a beer in a funny old hotel in Samawa. "You don't like me, Mr Michael," he fretted.

"It's not that, Muhammed," I fumed. "But you always try and stop us filming the ordinary people of Iraq." He stared into his beer, tugging nervously at the Saddam moustache sported by all Baathist functionaries. Then as he often would, tried to make me smile by quoting Keats.

"You see, Mr Michael," a friend chipped in, "he knows you are only trying to do your job. But the lives of his children are in your hands." Saddam's rule of fear continues.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

I weigh nine stone and stand 5ft 8ins in my stockinged feet. This matters, as you will shortly hear when I tell you about parascending off Turkey, and how I nearly didn't come down.

Within some small men is a big man struggling to get out. People who laugh when I stoop under 7ft doorways do not understand. I *feel* like a giant. Among my own tribe I am of astonishing size. Neither grandmother reached five foot. My father, mother and five siblings are virtually midgets. In family wedding photos I appear as a mutant colossus. So when the man behind the placard – "Parascending, 100,000 lire" – asked: "Which bigness? I tell instructors for arrange parachute", I unhesitatingly replied: "Medium".

"Return five minutes for boat," he said. "With money."

Easy! I congratulated myself for choosing parascending rather than the banana. The banana is all the rage on Turkish beaches this summer. About 10ft long, with five fun-seekers astride, the inflated yellow tube is towed behind a speedboat zooming over the waves as the banana threshes and rolls until they fall off, screaming. In England of course, someone would have drowned and (though the victim later turned out to be an asthmatic heart patient suffering from giddy spells whom doctors had given two months to live), Esther Rantzen and a *Daily Mail* campaign would have contrived to have the bananas banned.

I was absent from our cove when the banana called. So on my last day I decided to try parascending. This (for the old fogies among you) means being towed on a rope by a speedboat with an open parachute trailing in the wind behind you, until you take off.

I returned with the money, the equivalent of about £13, which seemed good value for what the man said would be "about ten minute" in the air.

Curiously, there were no forms to fill in about one's health, no disclaimers and no insurance. There was just a Turk with an outboard motorboat. I boarded. We rode across to the other side of the bay where, in the shallows by a beach fronted by a string of overhead power lines, a speedboat waited. Its motors gurgled and the sea frothed behind it as it marked time, straining against a stiff breeze – and a tow rope. Attached to the other end of the tow rope was a parachute, canopy inflated and hovering in the wind while a man struggled to hold on to it, gripping a harness into which I was manhandled without a word. Nobody spoke English, anyway.

How was I to learn? Should we try French, or would they show me pictures? There was a shout of "Yah!", the engine roared, the boat lunged forward, the rope snapped tight and I found myself harnessed and pulled, running through the shallows... and I was up, up and away. And up. And up. I went straight up into the sky, like a rocket. They played out more rope, and still I rose. Within seconds I seemed to be almost vertically above the boat staring down hundreds of feet with a kite's-eye view down the line towing me. At the other end I could see the boat, tiny now, plunging through the waves. I could see the whole bay. I could see the Greek islands, miles away. I could hear nothing but the wind in my ears as I swung, suspended, beneath my canopy. I began to feel slightly air-sick. It was wonderful. And it just went on and on.

And on. They couldn't get me down. I was lighter than they had allowed for, and the headwind stronger. Every time the boat stopped in the middle of the bay to allow the parachute to descend and deposit me in the shallows, I just stayed up. Every time the boat reversed to let me run with the wind, I began to overshoot the shallows and approach the power lines on the beach. Every time the boat lunged forward again to pull me clear of these, I went up again. It began to look as though your columnist would become a permanent fixture above the Turkish coast, a sort of perpetual kite, an airborne advertisement for *The Times*.

Sadly, all good things come to an end. Pulling on various ropes in response to desperate shouts from the ground finally brought me down. With a gentle splash, I landed, just before nightfall.

I'm not sure I wanted to.

THE TIMES DIARY

Art of refuse collecting

A CLEANER at Christie's may soon become the unlikely owner of a sketch by Pablo Picasso. The etching was discovered six months ago, in a skip at the back of the London auction house, by an long-serving elderly cleaner. Nobody has reported it missing and, in spite of extensive appeals throughout the London art world, nobody has come forward to reclaim it.

The cleaner has hardly breathed a word about his discovery. "He is a bit overwhelmed by it all," says one Christie's employee. "It's all been a bit much for him. He is trying to stay out of the limelight."

At first the cleaner thought the 9½ in by 6½ in drawing, depicting a Greek couple in an embrace with a child, was worthless. But he decided to hand it in to his employers just in case. After a series of exhaustive tests, it was confirmed as a Picasso from the artist's "Lysistrata" series of 150 drawings.

Vine Street police station is now the temporary custodian of the work of art, worth perhaps £3,000. But if the rightful owner does not come forward within the next month, it will be hanging over the cleaner's mantelpiece, temporarily at least. Then it will probably be auctioned by Christie's, and the cleaner is planning to give the money raised to charity. "I don't think Picasso is his favourite artist," says another of Christie's employees.

Scotland Yard, which is as bemused as Christie's as to why nobody has reported it missing, says: "If they come bearing proof of ownership they can take the drawing away there and then. We have become quite attached to it. It would look nice on our wall."

● *While yesterday's inflation figures showed another welcome downturn in the cost of living, the cost of dying is less willing to subside. Dignity in Destiny, which runs burial budget schemes, is running magazine advertisements predicting that the cost of today's average funeral. £800, will rise to £2,074 in 10 years: an annual rise of 10 per cent. Anybody who signs up friends or neighbours to one of the pay-early schemes will receive a £15 Marks & Spencer gift voucher.*

Maestro revisited

AN unflattering biography of Sir Yehudi Menuhin, which was dropped by Weidenfeld & Nicolson earlier this year after threats of legal action from the violinist, is being published by a rival next month.

Tony Palmer's book, *Menuhin: A Family Portrait*, challenges the saintly image of the composer built up over the last 60 years since he became a child prodigy. It rejects Menuhin's assertion of a "golden" childhood, and questions why people still call him a great violinist.

Weidenfeld & Nicolson decided not to print the book after protests from Menuhin and threats of an injunction. Menuhin says his childhood was one of "untarnished happiness", and says the book lacks "objectivity or historical authenticity". Faber & Faber is now publishing it with a number of alterations. The book says that the composer's childhood days were often "unremitting agony".

Menuhin has seen the revised manuscript. The chairman of Faber, Matthew Evans, says: "We had to include the sections on Sir Yehudi's childhood and his playing ability, for the book would have been destroyed without them."

Unforeseen demands

EVEN life on the other side has been affected by the recession. The latest issue of *Psychic News* reveals that mediums are being forced to freeze their fees or even cut them to try to generate more business.

Peter Close, a London medium, who charges £20 for an hour-long sitting, admits the spiritualist world is facing bad times. "Business is lower than it has been. With the recession this year I decided to leave prices where they were."

Are you the Soul occupant?
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But the recession has generated work from a more unusual quarter: businessmen seeking help. Close says: "People don't just come to you for survival evidence. Many want more than a talk with mum and dad. They have financial and business problems." But spiritualists are being urged not to dispense remedies from the spirit world. Robert Hartrick, who runs training courses for mediums, says: "Mediums should be asked for advice about spiritual life, not economic matters."

No strings attached

MUSICAL history was made at the Edinburgh festival earlier this week when a troupe of Cambridge dons performed a Mozart composition which has been lost to the world since 1783. *The Masquerade for the Emperor's Ball* was penned as a string quartet for a pantomime. It was performed only once because three sections of the music were mislaid.

It is being performed as a six-minute harpsichord solo with dance, in *Wolfgang!* directed by Ralph Pite, an English tutor at Corpus Christi. Pite found a letter in the Cambridge archives from Mozart to his father which refers to the piece. His colleague Paul Henry filled in the missing parts, using the surviving first violin music.

H.C. Robbins Landon, compiler of *The Mozart Compendium*, confirms that the piece has not been performed since the composer's death, but argues that it should have been performed by an orchestra. "Why are they playing it on one harpsichord? Did they run out of money?"

● *Is it normal to smash milk-bottles against the wall in times of high stress? Norma Major seems to think so. She reveals in next month's* Woman's Journal *that on occasion she has resorted to a spot of bottle-throwing, or indeed book-throwing, as a means of letting off steam. However, the prime minister is not in her sights.*

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WAY OFF TARGET

At one point in his evidence to the Commons defence committee last month the normally equable defence secretary, Tom King, made exasperated reference to "those who delight in suggesting every time I open my mouth that it is the voice of the Treasury bursting to break free." The cuts set out in his 1991 white paper, he insisted, were "strategy led but resource disciplined". They were aimed at smaller but more flexible and better equipped forces.

Not so, thundered the committee yesterday. The white paper might lay down the shape and size of British forces in the 1990s but it lacked a "coherent strategic overview". Mere recognition of the need for a strategy was "not in itself a strategy". The military implications of the cuts "remain shrouded in vagueness".

Above all, continued the committee, there was no hint of a financial strategy for the decade, and it was "high time" Parliament was told when spending cuts would end and at what level. Unrealistic assumptions about inflation in the Budget would, it warned, force Mr King either to overspend this year or to renege on his commitment to improve the equipment of Britain's forces.

The nub of the committee's case is that ministers have left British forces with the same broad range of commitments, while cutting manpower by a fifth. Its conclusion, that the government must either find more money or "take the political decision to reduce or abandon" some commitments is simplistic. This sort of talk reads like old-fashioned service lobbying. Commons select committees must be careful not to become such prisoners of their lobbies as to render them useless.

The services play the game by magnifying the difficulty of defending Northern Ireland, the Falklands, Hong Kong and Belize, contributing adequately to Nato, and holding forces in reserve for unexpected military, humanitarian and even drug-busting emergencies on the existing budget. Ministers are then hounded to suggest "commitments" that should be reduced in line with reduced resources, at which point the lobbyists call down the wrath of public and politicians on the heads of the unfortunate ministers to get the commitment restored. The annual battle over HMS Endurance, the ice patrol ship in the South Atlantic, is a case in point.

The "Options for Change" programme has put new relish into this ancient sport. Where, it is asked, is the "radical strategic reassessment" which should accompany so savage a pruning of service budgets and manpower? How can it be that the only commitment which has been axed under "Options for Change" is the UK Mobile Force earmarked for Norway's defence? In vain does Mr King point out that Britain's most manpower-consuming commitment has indeed been radically reduced. Nato's decision that a massive surprise attack in Europe is not on the cards permits 33,000 troops to be pulled out of Germany and the RAF's air defence role there to be phased out. By 1995 three quarters of the army and 90 per cent of the RAF will be UK-based.

The white paper's response to other risks — which are, as Mr King says, "far less obvious and monolithic" than in the Cold War — is to tighten force structures. The role of the new Rapid Reaction Corps (RRC), which will incorporate much of the deployable strength of the army and most of its amphibious capability, needs to be further considered. But the services lobby should note its central message: that outside the United Kingdom British forces will rarely be acting alone. Their job will be "to contribute to multinational formations" with forces equipped to face "high-intensity conflict".

The implication is revolutionary, as the multinational composition of the RRC indicates. At least part of the storm that has broken over Mr King results not from his alleged failure to provide a strategic overview, but from his insistence that strategy is now necessarily a pooled undertaking. The services do not like this idea. To be sure, Mr King has bones to pick with the Treasury, and it with him. But the defence committee has selected the wrong bones. In its subservience to the more reactionary service elements it has shirked the sort of reassessments it should be helping to make.

THE FEAR OF MURDER

This summer "is becoming one of the most tragic for children on record" wrote one newspaper yesterday. According to another, "anxious parents locked their children indoors after another youngster was brutally murdered." A third asked readers to "weep for our children" and to vote for or against the delicately balanced question: "Should hanging be brought back for brutes who murder our little ones?" Television news has added its own brand of hysterical anguish.

Sadly, many parents who previously thought nothing of letting their children play outside unsupervised will now keep them indoors, fearing that a mass murderer lurks behind every hedge. Of course the killing or abduction of a child is a horrible crime. The poor parents of those killed in the past few days may be haunted by the conviction that, had they been more careful, their children would still be alive. But what purpose is served by adding to their guilt, or by causing every other parent a fear wholly out of proportion to the risk?

In 1989, 71 children under the age of 16 were murdered. That was the second lowest total since 1979 and the figure has fluctuated, seemingly at random, between 60 and 103 over the decade. There is no sign that this year's total is at all out of line with recent years; conclusions to the contrary are irresponsible. In addition, many of the children were killed by their own parents or step-parents, or even siblings. The proportion killed by those unknown to them was small. Most children, it must be said, would be safer playing outside than in the home.

The 71 child victims of murder are a tiny fraction of the 8,000 children under 16 who died in 1989 from all causes. More than half the total were aged under one and died of natural causes. Children are four times more likely to die from disease than from accidents or violence. Of these unnatural deaths, accidents are by far the more common cause. A thousand children a year die accidentally, half of them on the roads. But still the chances of a child dying are only one in 4,000 once he or she has survived the first year of life.

Being a child has never been safer, thanks mainly to medical advances. At the turn of the century, 135,000 babies died a year, compared with under 6,000 in 1989. And there were 43,000 deaths of children aged one to 14, compared with just over 2,000 now. Even in the past decade, infant mortality rates have fallen by a quarter.

There is no good reason for encouraging otherwise responsible parents to believe that the world has become more dangerous for their children. Yet publicity like that this week could deny children the pleasure of the outdoors and of independent play and self-reliance. It may make them morbidly fearful of adults. The boundary between sensible caution and hysteria, about child abuse and abduction as well as about health and safety, is a hard one to draw. But parents should be encouraged to examine the truth of the matter, not a ridiculous exaggeration of it. The best hope of a child surviving to maturity is in immunisation against avoidable disease, safety in the home, and security on public roads, whether as pedestrians, car passengers or, most of all, as cyclists.

Children who are locked indoors by fearful parents against the perils of psychopaths might well retort that it is the parents, not they, who need protecting. The chances of a child aged between five and 15 being murdered are three in a million: their parents are five times more likely to suffer a similar fate.

WHY NOT LONDON TOO?

Paul Simon is a famous son of Queens, New York, who is grateful to the city for his success. So on Thursday night he gave a free pop concert in Central Park and three quarters of a million people came to the party. He gave a similar concert ten years ago with his friend Art Garfunkel. They do things like that there. The open warm-heartedness of America at such times is enviable.

New Yorkers, aggressive egalitarians, would not however tolerate special (paid for) seats for VIPs at free public shows, as at the recent Pavarotti concert in Hyde Park. They know who owns Central Park — they do, the people. It is a place reserved for them to chase after the third clause of the American Dream, the "pursuit of happiness". And in a city where cash is supposed to measure the value of everything, most of the happiness to be had in Central Park comes free. It is all gratefully snatched.

When Leonard Bernstein took the New York Philharmonic into Central Park for a free public concert for the first time in 1974, 130,000 turned out to hear him. The Metropolitan Opera regularly ventures forth to packed houses (or lawns); and there is now a tradition of open-air free symphony concerts in all five New York boroughs. There are free classical concerts at the Naumberg Band-shell in the Park. Lower down the scale, free jazz in the park is a daily routine, and not all the players are amateur. But the Central Park cultural pearl is free open-air theatre, led by the famous annual "Shakespeare in the Park" festival.

By no means is high culture diluted to meet popular taste. New Yorkers demand the best, though they tolerate ingenious improvements on straight Shakespeare (or Gilbert and Sullivan). A recent Brazilian version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* had five of its 150 minutes in the nude ("A Play That Won't Clothes", said one review) but it was uncompromisingly in Portuguese with neither translations nor sub-titles. These free Joseph Papp productions in the Delacorte Theater in Central Park — to get tickets people do not pay, they just queue — have frequently moved on to Broadway, occasionally further still to London.

Doing good deeds free for the people of New York is a long and live tradition. Business accepts that supporting public culture is something to be undertaken willingly. Central Park, bought to foster the "tranquility and rest of the mind" of the common people for $5 million in 1856 and inspired by the work of Capability Brown, is at the heart of this tradition. Because they are in New York, these open-air productions take a sniff of adrenalin from the city air, a taut handshake between audience and players that exhilarates art and people.

The July Pavarotti concert in Hyde Park showed what could be possible in London, too, rain or not. The occasional military band is no comparison with the horn of cultural plenty New Yorkers can draw from. Last month the government appointed a panel to report on ways of developing London's marvellous royal parks. A trip to Central Park would be no bad way for the panel to launch its task.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Commons pay and productivity

From Mr Tim Smith, MP for Beaconsfield (Conservative)

Sir, Mrs John Strafford (August 5) is of course entirely right. Linking MPs' pay to that of civil servants was a cop-out. It should be performance-related in such a way as to provide the maximum incentive to Parliament to get inflation down and to keep it down.

Britain has had a deeply inflationary culture for decades. Full membership of the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) now provides an effective external discipline. It should be complemented by a new internal discipline.

MPs' pay should be fixed at the start of the next Parliament at, say, £40,000. It would then be reduced each year by the annual increase in the RPI. If inflation averaged 10 per cent for a full five-year Parliament, the salary of an MP would fall to £23,620 compared with about £64,000 under the present formula. A 5 per cent average would produce £30,952 against about £51,000. Conversely, if prices actually fell, MPs' pay would rise, giving them a double bonus.

Since low inflation or, better still, stable prices (last achieved in 1958-9) is a precondition for sustainable economic growth, all of the British people, including Mrs Strafford, would be the beneficiaries.

Yours etc.,
TIM SMITH,
House of Commons.

From Mr Alan Stubbs

Sir, It has been proposed that the lobbies and bars of the Palace of Westminster be made available to former MPs of 15 years' standing so that they can, as it were, treat it like a club (report, August 8).

By all means welcome them to the House on the same basis as the general public for that is what they are. They are owed no more or less. There are within easy reach of Parliament plenty of places for meals, conversation, etc. — let local business benefit.

Given the low profile and lack of achievement between elections of some MPs it seems that you don't need to be an *ex*-MP to treat the place as a club rather than as a place of work.

I remain, yours sincerely,
ALAN STUBBS,
63 Old Castle Walk,
Parkwood, Rainham, Kent.
August 13.

From Sir Kenneth Lewis

Sir, Whether or not retired MPs are allowed access to the lobbies and bars of Westminster is less important than the quality, background and independence of mind of their successors.

The nation needs in Parliament a broad cross-section of men and women involved in the various activities which make up our national life.

Replacement candidates for the Conservative party in the safer seats for the next general election seem to me to be somewhat Identikit — male, Oxbridge, barristers, former advisers to ministers or to Downing Street; not much sign of cross-section or knowledge and experience of business and industry, on which the country depends.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH LEWIS
(MP (Conservative) for Rutland and Stamford, 1959-83; for Stamford and Spalding, 1983-7),
Redlands, Preston, Rutland.
August 15.

From Mr Michael Ryle

Sir, John Grigg (article, August 13) may well be right to urge Parliament to sit more often to keep ministers under scrutiny, but his statement that it now "sits for less than half the year" should be examined. In session 1988-9, covering 51 weeks, the Commons sat on 175 days in 37 weeks, for an average of 9 hours 4 minutes per sitting day (including the short sittings on Fridays). In session 1989-90, covering 49 weeks, the equivalent figures were 167 days in 36 weeks, averaging 8 hours 48 minutes per day.

Unless one counts the hours and includes nights, or unless one includes non-working days such as weekends and bank holidays — which would be unfair — Grigg's charge is manifestly untrue. The British Parliament sits as long as any in the world.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RYLE,
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Minehead, Somerset.
August 13.

Balance, not tug of war, on heritage

From Mr John Weatherill

Sir, Sir Roy Strong's plea ("Mortgaged to the past", August 10) that "we look ahead for architectural inspiration" would be admirable were it calculated to promote a more balanced architectural scene. What a pity that, where he makes so many good points, particularly on our right to be kept informed on planning decisions, he has this pet hate about "heritage".

If Sir Roy envisions creative design only at a cost to our architectural heritage — which he disparages as a "British obsession" — then what he calls the "built environment" will be thrown off balance the other way, with historic buildings once again falling prey to the bulldozer.

Yet there need be no tug of war. Innovation and preservation can coexist, and it is surely desirable that they do so. To answer Sir Roy's own question: no, the status quo is not immutable. Through education born of constructive debate we might easily enjoy the best of both architectural worlds, as the French do.

Contrary to the view of Professor David Lowenthal, whom Sir Roy quotes, it is ourselves, not the Italians, who are the real culprits in not knowing how to look after the past properly. The Italians (and the French) preserve the antiquity of their old buildings by sensitive restoration, and by knowing when to leave well alone, whereas we are much too inclined to sterilise by over-restoration. Add to that abuse the quantities of lurid yellow paint with which we decorate our roads and precincts, and the air of mystery which comes with antiquity and should be holding us in awe is totally destroyed.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WEATHERILL,
Wylye Head, Kilmington, Wiltshire.
August 10.

From Mr Gary Halman

Sir, Sir Roy Strong made an important error in an otherwise excellent article. Planning committees in England and Wales do not deliberate behind closed doors. Since the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 planning and other council committees must be open to members of the public, as must all relevant background documents including council officers' reports, subject to certain special confidentiality provisions.

Yours faithfully,
G. HALMAN,
Spring Bank Farm,
Middlewich Road,
Nether Peover, Cheshire.
August 12.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. G. Haythornthwaite

Sir, I was surprised to read in *The Times* of August 1 Marcus Binney's apparent approval of an office building in Hackney of which the facade consists of an "airy all-glass box stepped out over the pavement . . . a modern rigging as complex and beautiful as that of a great India clipper". I thought this might have been an aberration, but no! On August 13 he sees another worthy of his approval, "suggestive of a space station".

Has not Mr Binney touched the basic objection to Modern and Post Modern architecture, that such structures are *out of their element*: and that architectural felicity only occurs where a building reflects and reinforces the conditions of its siting: geology, contours, climate and its well behaved neighbours.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD HAYTHORNTHWAITE,
22 Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield.
August 13.

From Mrs Joan D. Bartlett

Sir, You do not say what Gareth Wright's building in Islington is. *Is* it a space station? Or are you offering a prize for the nearest guess?

Yours faithfully,
JOAN D. BARTLETT,
6 Willow End, Wollescote.
Stourbridge, West Midlands.

'Bonnie carbuncle'

From Mr Roger FitzGerald

Sir, Your leading article on the design selected for the new Museum of Scotland (August 14) suggests that the public should express its own stylistic preference in the selection of architects for public buildings. This would be dangerously superficial.

A host of other issues ought to be considered in assessing a design proposal: the quality of interior spaces, the clarity of the circulation, the cost; whether the client's brief has been met and room relationships are right; whether statutory requirements have been satisfied; the integration of structure and services into the building; the quality of natural light, and so on.

I doubt that most members of the public would consider such issues in stating their preference. A committee comprising both professionals and lay people is far more likely to arrive at a carefully considered choice of the right architect for the project.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER FitzGERALD,
124 Pepys Road,
New Cross, SE14.
August 15.

From Mr Michael Farr

Sir, You describe the design for the new museum as "Modern movement revivalism". This is not strictly accurate. The chosen architects have designed within the *current* tradition of the Modern movement which, many would claim, saw its first expressions 90 years ago in the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh in Scotland.

If you are right in suggesting that the design "reflects a Scotland of bleak castles and towers" then, for example, Mackintosh's art school in Glasgow can be said to evoke similar images. That building has been a source of public pride for generations as well as being admired by countless critics for the way in which it expresses such indigenous traits in an imaginative modern manner.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FARR,
2 Splash Point, Cliff Road,
Seaford, Sussex.
August 15.

From Mr H. B. N. Grillo

Sir, "The public's right to an opinion" is constitutionally enshrined in the democratic process in the Town and Country Planning Act. Your leader writer may argue — and I would agree with him — that it does not work very well in practice. This is an argument for improving the process of public consultation under that statute. It is not an argument, surely, for ad hoc unconstitutional interventions by prince or public.

We do not run the country by referenda of royalty, the interested, obsessed and bystanders. Do you advocate that we control development that way?

Yours faithfully,
H. B. N. GRILLO,
29 Hemingford Road, Cambridge.
August 15.

Health in prisons

From Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, Your correspondents (August 10) add their names to those well-meaning people who wish to abolish the prison medical service. This would not be practicable. Whoever took over would have to provide a full-time service, i.e., 24-hour cover. Presumably this work would fall in part to the forensic psychiatrists and, for the foreseeable future, there are not enough of them to take over, even if that were desirable.

What is required is a revamped prison medical service, and one that is independent and free from Home Office control. This is easily achieved by transferring the service to the control of the Special Hospitals Service Authority — the authority recently formed to run the special hospitals such as Broadmoor and Rampton.

Seven years ago the senior medical officer at Bristol prison was so angered by the conditions that he made his views public in a letter published in your newspaper (August 10, 1984). He received a reprimand. Nothing happened. Nothing that is, until last year when the rioters took care of the problem by destroying the main wing of the prison. The builders are now at work and proper sanitation is being installed.

Under the present regime, there is no chance of the prison medical service being properly supported with attention to status and liberal post-graduate training.

It is time for the Home Office to relinquish control of the service and hand it over to the National Health Service.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. K. REEVES
(Consultant forensic psychiatrist),
Fromeside Clinic,
Blackberry Hill,
Stapleton, Bristol, Avon.
August 13.

Share-shop scheme

From Mr S. M. Yassukovich

Sir, The share-shop concept created by the government for the second tranche of the BT privatisation (Business, report and comment, August 13) is a welcome advance on the primitive offer-for-sale system with its heavy reliance on TV marketing hype. However, the attempt to link this marketing technique with the broader aim of wider share ownership is misconceived.

The government shows no sign that it understands share ownership in the first place and therefore its various attempts to develop the share-owning habit in the public at large have failed. Making easier and cheaper the re-sale of privatisation issues, as the government's scheme would provide, does nothing to further permanent share ownership.

The various marketing gimmicks employed to ensure the success of privatisation issues may be justified in the interests of the vendor, i.e., the government, but they have tended to place investment in equities in the same category as participation in supermarket promotions of consumer products.

They have also tended to ignore some of the basic principles of investor protection. Compare the few seconds of "health warning" about possible fluctuation in the value of shares flashed at the end of the TV advertisement, with the procedures and documentation that a professional, regulated stockbroker must complete before executing a share transaction for even an experienced investor.

In the case of the share-shop scheme it is curious that those whose business it is to give advice to individuals, and who are the most directly regulated, the private-client stockbrokers, have been excluded from a group of distributors made up of banks who are not yet able to give advice at all their points of sale.

Wider share ownership will never be achieved until steps are taken to facilitate the holding of shares, through the computerised system, Taurus, and other services, and the public is educated to understand that an appropriate portfolio of shares, consistent with overall financial planning, is as legitimate a form of saving as the family house.

Yours etc.,
S. M. YASSUKOVICH
(Chairman),
Cragnotti & Partners,
25 St James's Street, SW1.
August 13.

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Tried by degrees of difference

From Viscount Norwich

Sir, Is there a word for those digital displays that we see more and more often on the sides of new buildings and that flash at us, in rapid succession, the date, the time and the temperature? Whatever they are called, many of your readers must have noticed three of them within about a quarter of a mile of each other on the M4, just as it enters London; one is on a business block, one on a garage, and one forms part of an advertisement for a fizzy drink.

On the matter of the date they invariably agree; on the time, too, there seems to be a fair measure of unanimity. The real trouble arises over the temperature. In the last six months I have driven past them on at least 50 occasions, and not once have I known two of the three to give the same figure. The difference is usually of at least four degrees centigrade; on one recent occasion the three readings were 20, 24 and 26 respectively.

The firms concerned have all presumably paid good money to provide a public service; at least two of them, however, are disseminating misleading information and creating nothing but confusion. And our poor first-time visitors driving in from Heathrow — what are they to think? They have doubtless all heard of our sudden changes of climate; but this, they must feel, is ridiculous.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JULIUS NORWICH,
24 Blomfield Road, W9.
August 16.

Fame in a name

From Mr Lewis Cawthorn

Sir, His name and fame "would endure where and while audacity, courage and steadfastness were admired". He "knew, as anyone who understood power and dominance knew, that 'Two stars keep not their motion in one sphere' ". After an impressive series of victories, this "devoted servant of his country" was eventually defeated but "world history might have been very different" if he had listened to his generals. He "would have been a man who inspired devotion and to whom a lifelong allegiance would be sworn by all those who recognised his qualities".

Hannibal, whom Bernard Levin (August 12) so admires, or Hitler?

Yours faithfully,
L. CAWTHORN,
10 Lansdell Avenue,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
August 12.

From Mr D. G. R. Bentliff

Sir, Can Bernard Levin be sure that Hannibal's name should not be associated with the blood of murderers? In his second essay on anger, Seneca records a story that Hannibal, seeing a ditch full of human blood, said "What a beautiful sight".

Yours faithfully,
D. G. R. BENTLIFF,
5 Eversley Road, SE19.
August 12.

Immigration advice

From Mr David Lawton

Sir, The letter from Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office (August 9), is disingenuous, to say the least. What proof is there that the United Kingdom Immigration Advisory Service provides "substantially better value" in its advice than do private solicitors?

Private practitioners, of whom about 420 across the country specialise in such cases, have cost the legal aid fund £2.6 million (an average cost of £184 per case) to deal with 14,660 such matters in the year 1990-1. This figure includes VAT which is repaid to the Treasury and disbursements which cover translators' fees, medical reports and DNA fingerprinting.

If the decision to remove the right of advice for those unfortunate people from a source of their choice is taken on financial grounds, as the minister would have us believe, then he'd better come up with the figures to justify what at present appears to be a specious claim.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID LAWTON (Chairman,
Legal Aid Practitioners Group),
2 Tindal Street, Chelmsford, Essex.
August 12.

But do keep it short

From Mr D. J. Gibbons

Sir, I am increasingly irritated by the treatment dished out by the media to a poor soul called "Briefly". Briefly is readily available for any interview but is never given the chance to express his view.

Harassment of Briefly is general, but is particularly prevalent in a certain early morning BBC Radio 4 news programme, as in: "Briefly you've just got 10 seconds to tell us how you would improve the Soviet economy, eliminate Britain's economic depression, cease the civil war in Yugoslavia, and explain how this might improve the batting average of England's cricketers".

Briefly is usually asked to appear just before the almighty weather forecast. If Briefly isn't given enough time to answer the question, the question shouldn't be asked.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. GIBBONS,
The First House,
The Street, St Nicholas-at-Wade,
Birchington, Kent.
August 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 16: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked from HMY Britannia this morning at Aberdeen and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr R.A. Robertson, the Lord Provost).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently drove to Balmoral Castle.

Mrs John Dugdale, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Thomas Stothard, painter, London, 1755; William Carey, oriental scholar, Paulerspury, Northamptonshire, 1761; Davy Crockett, frontiersman and politician, Tennessee, 1786; Wilfred Scawen Blunt, poet, Petworth House, Sussex, 1840; Oliver St John Gogarty, writer, Dublin, 1878.

DEATHS: John Gower, poet, London, 1408; Edward V, reigned 1483, London, 1483; Robert Blake, admiral, at sea off Plymouth, 1657; Frederick the Great, king of Prussia 1740-86, Potsdam, 1786; Fernand Léger, painter, Gif-sur-Yvette, 1955; Sir John Marshall, archaeologist, Guildford, Surrey, 1958; Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, architect, Chicago, 1969; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savannah, Georgia, 1973; Ira Gershwin, lyricist, Beverly Hills, California, 1983; Rudolf Hesse, Spandau prison, Berlin, 1987; Harry Corbett, entertainer, 1989.

Construction of the Berlin Wall began, 1961.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Brook Taylor, mathematician, Edmonton, Middlesex, 1685; Antonio Salieri, composer, Legnano, Italy, 1750; Meriwether Lewis, explorer, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1774; John Russell, Earl Russell, prime minister 1846-52, 1865-66, London, 1792; Marcel Carné, film director, Paris, 1909.

DEATHS: Genghis Khan, Mongol emperor 1175-1227, Mongolia, 1227; Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, 1642; James Beattie, poet, Aberdeen, 1803; Matthew Boulton, engineer, London, 1809; André-Jacques Garnerin, aeronaut, Paris, 1823; Honoré de Balzac, novelist, Paris, 1850; Sir William Fairbairn, Bt, engineer, Moor Park, Surrey, 1874; William Henry Hudson, author and naturalist, London, 1922; Sir Frederick Ashton, ballet dancer and choreographer, 1988.

Institute of Marine Engineers

The following have been elected fellows of the Institute of Marine Engineers and are entitled to use the designatory letters FIMarE:

M T Best, R H Chadburn, A Fairney, J Farrell-Dillon, D M Gregory, L Holyoake, J Kazim, W M Landells, J E Legorburu, C Selvapatt, Wong Sin Futt.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr William Bain to be Chief Executive of the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospitals' special health authority, in succession to Mr John Plant.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr C.A.M. Busch, former chairman, Philips Electronics and Associated Industries, 54; the Earl of Carrick, 60; Mr Robin Cousins, ice-skater, 34; Mr Robert De Niro, actor, 48; Mr D.L. Donne, company director, 66; Professor Sir Geoffrey Elton, historian, 70; Sir Leonard Figg, diplomat, 68; Mr J.G. Gulliver, former executive chairman, Lowndes Queensway, 61; Sir Michael Hadow, diplomat, 76; Professor J.P. Hodin, art historian, 86; Mr Ted Hughes, Poet Laureate, 61.

Mr John Humphrys, broadcaster, 48; Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 57; Professor Sir Leslie Martin, architect, 83; Mr George Melly, jazz singer, 65; Mr Alan Minter, boxer, 40; Sir Alan Munro, diplomat, 56; Sir Vidia Naipaul, author, 59; Mr Hamish Orr-Ewing, former chairman, Rank Xerox, 67; Dr E.S. Page, vice-chancellor, Reading University, 63; Mr Nelson Piquet, racing driver, 39; Lord Sharp of Grimsdyke, 75; Mr Richard Stott, editor, *Daily Mirror*, 48; Miss Alfreda Thorogood, ballerina, 49; Mr Guillermo Vilas, tennis player, 39; Mr Roy Watts, former chief executive, British Airways, 66; Mrs S.E. Williams, former Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, 76; Professor Michael Wise, geographer, 73.

TOMORROW: Professor R.M. Acheson, epidemiologist, 70; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 66; Sir Bryan Askew, chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, 61; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 79; Dr F.R. Bettley, dermatologist, 82; Mr James Birrell, chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 58.

Mr Neil Durden-Smith, sports commentator, 58; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 71; Lord Grantchester, QC, 70; Mr Robert Horton, chairman, BP, 52; Miss Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 75; Sir John Mason, former director-general, Meteorological Office, 68; Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 63; Mr H.S.K. Peppiatt, solicitor, 61; Sir David Pitblado, civil servant, 79; Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 58; Mr Justice Potts, 60; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 54; Mr Willie Rushton, author, cartoonist and broadcaster, 54; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert, 72; Mr P.A.C. Smith, chairman, Securicor, 71; Mr Caspar Weinberger, former American Secretary of Defence, 74; Mr Charles Wilson, editorial director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 56; Professor J.S.G. Wilson, economist, 75; Miss Shelley Winters, actress, 69.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.M.J. Robinson and Ms J. Cronin

The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs G.M.O. Robinson, of 9 Springfield Place, Bath, and Joan, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs M. Cronin, of Cork, Ireland.

Mr K. Thompson and Miss K.J. Johnson-Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs George Thompson, of Long Buckby, Northamptonshire, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Johnson-Ferguson, of Staverton, Northamptonshire.

Mr I.C. Wadland and Miss K.E. Pentling

Mr and Mrs L.M. Pentling, of Winton, Bournemouth, are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Kaye, to Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Wadland, of Talbot Woods, Bournemouth.

Cannibalism as early cuisine questioned

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH, French and American archaeologists have disagreed about the possibility of cannibalism among the first farmers in the south of France. Oddly enough, it is the British side which denies the likelihood of anthropophagy, and the French one which urges such a form of early cuisine.

The dispute arose when the cave of Fontbrègoua was excavated: dating to the fifth and fourth millennia BC, the site was used as a temporary camp by small groups of hunters who also kept herds of sheep in pens inside the cave. According to Paola Villa, of the University of Colorado, and Jean Courtin, of Marseilles, butchering was done there also, and bones were discarded in small piles.

Sixteen such clusters have been excavated, each containing either the remains of one domestic sheep, or of several wild animals or several humans. The human bones exhibit the same cut marks as the animal remains, and these resemble the traces of ethnographically observed butchering techniques. All of the longbones were broken to extract the marrow.

Dr Paul Bahn, a British freelance archaeologist, disagrees, citing Australian Aboriginal mortuary rituals that produce the same results as alleged cannibalism. He notes that the Fontbrègoua human remains were not mixed with the animal remains but treated separately, and that the brevity of the episode indicates "a mortuary ritual rather than a sudden and short-lived craving for human flesh.

"There is virtually no solid, reliable evidence from any period for human cannibalism," he says. "Although Fontbrègoua is the best-documented case yet published for the existence of prehistoric cannibalism, its separate treatment of human remains and the Australian ethnography weaken that case considerably".

Villa and Courtin riposte that it then logically follows that the people at Fontbrègoua "butchered, but did not eat, food animals, and gave secondary burial to boars, deer, sheep, badgers and marten. The burial hypothesis is implausible: cannibalism is the only satisfactory explanation".

Source: *Nature* 351: 613-4.

OBITUARIES

NORMAN BARRYMAINE

Norman Barrymaine, journalist, diplomat, double-agent and detainee, died in Helston, Cornwall, yesterday aged 91. He was born on July 25, 1900.

ACCORDING to his own account it was while lunching at the Trocadero off Piccadilly Circus in 1954 and later over a discreet meal in Dean Street, Soho, that Norman Barrymaine was recruited by a Soviet agent. He had recently left his diplomatic post at the Foreign Office and allowed himself to become involved, he said later in his book on the episode, with the purpose of discovering — in the wake of the Burgess and Maclean affair — how the Soviet Union's espionage operations in Britain worked. Fourteen years later, at the age of 69, there was another dramatic episode in his life when he spent 19 months in solitary confinement in a Chinese prison cell at the height of the Cultural Revolution. This time he was told, an hour before his release, that he had been found guilty (without trial) of spying. Earlier in his colourful career Barrymaine had been a wartime squadron leader, had helped Group Captain Peter Townsend write his autobiography following his romance with Princess Margaret, had been diplomatic correspondent of the *Evening Standard* and one of the first free-lance foreign correspondents covering the Vietnam war to visit North Vietnam during American bombing raids. Later he had his own current affairs programme on Hong Kong television and was publisher and general manager of the *China Mail*.

Norman Barrymaine was dapper in appearance with a quiet, unemotional manner which gave little indication of his physical and mental toughness. Even before his incarceration in a Chinese prison cell he had undergone three operations for brain tumour and the successful removal of ten inches of his colon for cancer.

There was little to corroborate his account of his Soviet spying activities but when it was published it was referred to Scotland Yard and the Director of Public Prosecutions. Barrymaine, however, had already made clear that he had received no payment from the Soviet side and had not given any information that would compromise his loyalty to Britain.

The son of a tea-blender, he joined the City office of Guthrie's, a Far East trading house, as an office boy in 1914 and later said he was negotiating the settlement of large shipping insurance claims before he was 16. He was posted to Singapore and from there moved to the Philippines where he learned the rudiments of journalism. After a spell as a boxing correspondent in Manila he moved in 1924 to work in newspapers in Shanghai. He returned to England in 1927 and after working on provincial papers he joined Lord Beaverbrook's Express group as a reporter in the parliamentary lobby.

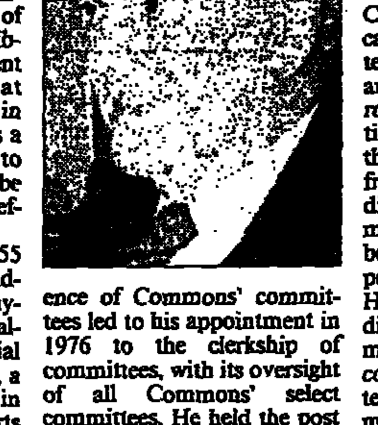
Barrymaine was with Fighter Command in the second world war and it was typical of his style to have claimed to have been the first to have added up the figures of losses on both sides that showed that the Battle of Britain had been won. He returned to Beaverbrook newspapers after the war before joining the Foreign Office in 1949, at the invitation, he said, of Ernest Bevin who was then foreign secretary. Recounting in 1961 the tale of his recruitment by Moscow, Barrymaine said he was approached at the Trocadero by a man he came to know as George who was regarded by the Foreign Office as a "contact man" for the Soviet embassy whose task was to soften up possible candidates for the Russian intelligence service.

He said he subsequently made several journeys abroad during which he was in contact with Communist agents in the countries he visited including one secret visit to Moscow to confer with Soviet officials. Justifying his active involvement in the world of espionage Barrymaine said his work at the Foreign Office had involved information and research and although it had been secret it had not entailed him having access to top secret papers on British or Western policy so he had no secrets to impart.

Nevertheless he was to suffer the repercussions of this adventure when he went to China to cover the Cultural Revolution and was thrown into a prison cell. Unlike Anthony Grey, a Reuters correspondent who was detained by the Chinese in his own home in Peking during the same period, Barrymaine's plight attracted little public outcry and there were clearly some who believed that he had once again dabbled in espionage. He was interrogated for hours daily for almost seven months and signed the transcript of his "confession." "Who would not under the same conditions?" he said afterwards.

Barrymaine wrote a second book, *The Time Bomb*, detailing his Chinese experiences but never completed his autobiography. His friends believed he felt by doing so he would have been acknowledging that his career was over and this he could never bring himself to do. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

DAVID PRING



David Andrew Michael Pring, CB, MC, former Clerk of Committees, House of Commons, died on August 15 aged 68. He was born on December 6, 1922.

FOR 40 years David Pring served the Clerk's department of the House of Commons. His major contribution to its work lay in developing Commons committees into a force to make government departments and other public bodies seriously accountable for their actions. In addition, he read, wrote and lectured extensively about parliaments at home and abroad and acquired a deep knowledge of how other parliaments worked.

From King's School, Rochester, Pring went to Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he read engineering for one year of the tripos and English for two. In the second world war he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers, took part with the 78th Division in the landings in North Africa and later in the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. He won the Military Cross in Tunisia in 1943. His war service ended in occupied Austria.

Pring's close association with committees began soon after he joined the Commons' staff in 1948. His first major foray into this field was with the newly appointed Select Committee on Nationalised Industries which charted a new course for Commons' committees. Hitherto successive governments had sought to confine much committee scrutiny to matters of administration, and deliberately to exclude government policies underlying that administration. Policy — in the received wisdom — was a matter for the House itself to debate; committees should be concerned only with the effects of policy.

After a false start in 1955 with terms of reference forbidding inquiry into both the day-to-day activities of nationalised industries and ministerial activities in regard to them, a new committee was set up in 1956 to consider "the reports and accounts of the nationalised industries" — simply that, with no restrictions. This was the committee which Pring clerked for five years, working closely throughout with its chairman, Sir Toby Low (later Lord Aldington). The committee's reports made during the Low-Pring quinquennium came to be regarded as models of how ministers and industries should be made accountable to Parliament.

Pring's unrivalled experience of Commons' committees led to his appointment in 1976 to the clerkship of committees, with its oversight of all Commons' select committees. He held the post for 12 years, during which he was closely involved with the setting up in 1979, and the working in the 1980s, of the new committees to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the principal government departments.

Pring gave written and oral evidence to the Procedure Committee of 1977-78 which recommended this more systematic scrutiny of government departments by select committees. He struck the key notes: one of them was that committees should be small, as an incentive towards shorter, sharper and more readable reports.

In 1975 Pring was appointed the first Registrar of Members' Interests, after the Commons had laid down nine categories of financial interests to be declared in a new and compulsory register. His role was to devise a questionnaire which would extract the necessary information from each member, and then discuss individually with members seeking advice how best they should declare their positions to comply with the House's resolution. Some 200 did so personally, and many more in writing. Later a select committee on members' interests was appointed to take many of the decisions, and based itself largely on the groundwork laid by Pring.

Much of Pring's expertise was fed by knowledge acquired in writing and lecturing about parliaments at home and abroad. His first book, a highly readable thriller entitled *The Apostles of Violence*, published in 1957 under the pseudonym Douglas Perring, had nothing to do with the House of Commons. But then there were two children's books on Parliament, and a pseudonymous Penguin Special entitled *What's Wrong With Parliament* (1964), which Pring co-authored as a moderate and measured contribution to the current debate on the effectiveness of the House of Commons, with stress laid on practical and reasonable reforms which the House would be likely, under sustained pressure, to accept; effect was given to most of them over the next 15 years. In 1972 *Parliament and Congress*, co-authored with a colleague, illuminated the working methods of the two legislatures, drawing out their advantages and disadvantages.

He served on the council of the Hansard Society, and for 20 years wrote the opening article on parliamentary developments for the society's quarterly journal *Parliamentary Affairs*. As a lecturer on Parliament his talents were much in demand by Commonwealth parliaments, and his ability to present expert knowledge with wit, a light touch and a lack of solemnity appealed especially to the young; in 1965 around the 700th anniversary of the Simon de Montfort Parliament he lectured at more than 100 schools.

He leaves his wife, Sue, his son, Hugo, and daughter, Annabel.

RALPH ZWICKER

Ralph W. Zwicker, a retired US Army major-general who played an important role in the downfall of Senator Joseph McCarthy in 1954, died at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on August 10 aged 88. He was born in 1903.

IF IT had not been for the communist witch-hunting activities of Senator McCarthy, few people outside the United States military would ever have heard of Ralph Zwicker. Until their paths crossed he had led a distinguished but thoroughly conventional career.

As a combat veteran during the second world war, Zwicker had won the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star, and been awarded the British DSO. And then, as he neared retirement, he settled down as commanding officer of Camp Kilmer in New Jersey.

One of the officers under Zwicker's command was an Army dentist, Captain Irving M. Peress, who had come to Senator McCarthy's attention by writing "Fifth Amendment" on a form that asked him to declare his past associations. Peress was summoned before the Un-American Activities Committee, and again took the Fifth.

McCarthy, who in early 1954 was alleging communist infiltration of the army, was furious. He wrote to Robert Stephens, Secretary of the Army, demanding that Peress be court-martialled — only to discover that his prey had been snatched from his grasp by being given an honourable discharge by his commanding officer. To make matters worse, Peress had at the same time been promoted from captain to major.

This seemed to confirm McCarthy's worst suspicions: that senior officers were protecting their communist underlings. Zwicker, than a brigadier-general, was summoned forthwith to appear before the committee. He refused to answer questions on the grounds that he was forbidden to do so by presidential order.

McCarthy badgered Zwicker mercilessly, accusing him of perjury and denouncing him as "unfit to wear his uniform". But for once he had gone too far. The army sprang to Zwicker's defence, ordered him not to return to the committee, and provoked censure hearings in the senate which finally broke McCarthy's thrall in December 1954.

Oddly enough, Zwicker had not been opposed to the anti-communist crusade before becoming personally involved. "I was not unsympathetic with the senator," he told an interviewer in 1969. "But then I was rapidly disillusioned. He was an opportunist who happened to stumble on to an idea. He climbed a political horse and rode it to death, his own included."

The episode had a profound effect on Zwicker's life, health and army career. He retired in 1960 to become a military analyst with a defence firm, and spent the last two years before his death in a nursing home.

Zwicker's wife, Dorothy, died in 1985. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Church services tomorrow

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Caesar). I will lift up mine eyes (Ledger). Rev Dr Lewis: 3.15 E. Responses (Byrd), Aston in F. Gloria in Excelsis (Haydn): 6.30 Sermon & Compline.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Lord God, thou art our salvation (Mendelssohn). Rev Leon Carberry: 11 M (Venite), Stanford in B flat: 4 E. Murrill in E. Let the peoples praise you O God (Smith). Rev J Toy.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M. Te deum and Jubilate in B flat (Stanford). Rev S Waine: 11.30 HC. The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter): 15.15 E. Peter Bevan in C. Laudate Dominum (Mozart). Rev M Seward.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Stanford in B flat. Let us with a gladsome mind (Ridout). Rev Jane Richards: 11.15 Euch. Mass of four voices (Byrd). Sicut cervus (Palestrina). Rev A Harvey: 15 E. Collegium Regale (Howells). Hail gladdening light (Wood). Rev C Semper: 5.45 Organ recital. Rev P Ferguson: 6.30 E. Rev P Ferguson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch. Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes). Ave verum (Byrd). Rev P Penwarden: 3 E. Brewer in D. Glorious things of thee are spoken (Goodenough).

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8. Mass: 10.30 Sung Mass: 9, 12 Mass. 2.30 Organ recital: 3.30 Solemn V&B; 5.30, 7 Mass.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: services resume in October.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M. O Sing joyfully (Batten). Benedictus, Ye boundless realms of joy (Handel). March from the Suite "Things to come" (Bliss). The Chaplain: 12 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: Services resume on October 6.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: Services resume October 13.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: Services resume September 1.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: Services resume October 6.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch. Rev A T R Goode.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Services resume September 8.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Sung Euch. Rev P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM. Darke in F. Ave verum corpus (Byrd). The Vicar: 6 E&B, Sumsion in G. Ave Maria (Faure). Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11. Rev Ian Bentley: 6.30. Rev Dr J Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 11 M. Rev J Cross. 6 E. Mr D Royce.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Rev N Vigers.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 11 Sung Euch. Rev W M Atkins.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family & HC: 6.30 HC. Rev J Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 HC. The Bishop of Fulham.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45, 11 HC. Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 Sung M. 11 HM. Missa Cantuariensis (Rubbra). Preb J Gaskell: 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC. Rev M Whawell: 6.30 HC. Rev Brooke Lunn.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M and Euch. Jubilate (Weelkes short service). Salvator mundi (Tallis). Rev Bryan Green: 6.30 Choral E. Ave Maria (Parsons). Rev Holt Souder.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Gibbons in F. Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch. Merbecke. Rev G Watkins.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP. Rev Gordon Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 11 HC. Rev J Wood: 6.30 Evening Praise.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch: 6.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. The Vicar: 6 CE. The Vicar.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass, 11 SM, Fr G Bright: 6 V&B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8, 9.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Rev J Slater.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch. Rev N Vigers: 6.30 E. Rev S Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch. Merbecke. Rev Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M. Responses (Rose), Vaughan Williams in G, Lift thine eyes (Mendelssohn). Rev R Holloway; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev J Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors to London service. Bishop R Gordon: 12.30 HC; 2.45 HC, Chinese service, Rev Moses; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES. The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM Missa brevis (Jackson Hill); Richard de Castre's prayer (Terry); Ave verum corpus (Elgar). Fr N Kavanagh: 6 Solemn E&B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch. Rev Lyndon Van der Pump.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch (Merbecke). Rev H Sinclair: 6.30 EP.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: Services resume September 1.

ST MATTHEW, Great Peter St., SW1: 8 LM; 10 Sung Mass (Merbecke).

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP. Rev J Crossley: 7 ES & HC.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: Services resume September 1.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC, 11 Solemn Euch. Rev H Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Fr Ashley Buck.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Communion: 6.30 E. Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 Solemn Mass. Missa Surrexit Pastor Bonus II (Lassus). Gaude Maria Virgo (Morley). Ave Maria (Stravinsky). Fr J Towers: 6 Solemn E&B, Fr Neil Cocking.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30. Rev J McIndoe.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30. Rev H Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa ad fugam (Palestrina). Magnificat primi toni (Lassus). O sacrum convivium (Palestrina).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 LM.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 Mass in D (Dvorak). Vidi speciosam (Victoria): 3.30 V & B. Beati mundo corde (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass. Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina). Ave verum Virginitas (de Pres).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 11.15 (Latin), 12.30, 6.30 LM.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11, Mr G Franklin: 6, Mr D Richards.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11, Rev P Hoar; 6.30 S Thompson and J Newland.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street W8: 11 & 6.30, Rev P Lovatt.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian-Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11. Rev R Richards

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall, Oxford St W1: 11, Major A Bateman: 6.30, Major C Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11. Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC. Rev B Wellenberg.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 MS. Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Dr G E Barritt. Rev C Hughes Smith.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30. Rev D Bamber.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev R Amess.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship.

Marriages

Mr H. Ball-Wilson and Mrs M.K. Zabriskie

The marriage of Harry Ball-Wilson, of Westminster, and Mildred K. Zabriskie, of Hawaii, took place at the Westminster Register Office, on Tuesday, August 13, followed by a reception at Kettners, Soho.

Mr C.R. Monk and Miss S.E.A. Hector

The marriage took place at the Church of St Andrew, Brigstock, Northamptonshire, on Saturday, August 10, 1991, between Mr Christopher Rex Monk, son of Mr and Mrs Rex Monk, of Peterborough, and Sarah Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Peter Hector, of Oundle. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Jane Hector and her cousins, Miss Sophie and Miss Gemma Hector.

Mr A.J.M. Yeoman and Miss F.H. Wilder

The marriage took place on July 13, at Tewkesbury Abbey, of Mr Andrew John Metcalfe Yeoman, son of Mr Philip Yeoman, MD, FRCS, and Mrs Yeoman, and Miss Fanny Helen Wilder, only daughter of Mrs Joan Wilder and the late Major John Wilder.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Charles Wilder. Mr John Winter was best man.

Society of Apothecaries

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Apothecaries of London for the ensuing year: Master, Professor T.W.A. Glenister; Senior Warden, Dr D.T.D. Hughes; Junior Warden, Mr L.J. Chalstrey.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev Canon Alastair L J Redfern, Canon Theologian and Canon Residentiary, Bristol Cathedral: to be also Diocesan Training Officer (Bristol).

The Rev Kate Ricketts, Assistant Curate, Church of the Ascension, Hall Green, Birmingham: to be Chaplain, The Birmingham Children's Hospital (Birmingham).

The Rev Paul C Roberts, Assistant Curate, Hazlemere: to be Assistant Curate, Woodley, and Team Vicar Designate, St James's (Oxford).

The Rev Edgar C Ruddock, Formerly with USPG in South Africa: to be Team Rector, Stoke-on-Trent Team Ministry (Lichfield).

The Rev P Susan Shipp, Parish Deacon, St. Peter, Lawrence Weston, Bristol: to be Parish Deacon, St. Mary, Henbury (Bristol).

The Rev Brian Smith, Chaplain, RAF, High Wycombe (Oxford): to be Senior Chaplain, RAF, and Priest-in-charge, Lyneham with Bradenstoke (Salisbury).

The Rev Gerald S M Squarey, Rector, Pimperne and Vicar, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston: to be also Rural Dean of Milton and Blandford (Salisbury).

The Rev Peter D. Stanway, part-time Chaplain, Witney Community Hospital: to be a part-time Curate, St. Mary's, Wheatley (Oxford).

The Rev Patricia Vowles, Parish Deacon, St. Antony, Nunhead: to be Parish Deacon, St. Michael, Camberwell (Southwark).

The Rev Christopher M F Whitehead, Vicar, Hunmanby with Muston: to be also Rural Dean of Scarborough (York).

The Rev Martin Warren, Curate-in-charge, Yattendon with Hampstead Norreys and Frilsham: to be Team Vicar, Hermitage Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev. Gordon W. Whitty, Team Vicar, Hanley Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Meir Holy Trinity (Lichfield).

The Rev Jonathan Willans, Rector, St. Cuthbert, Hawick, Edinburgh: to be Priest-in-charge, Brockham, Christ Church and Leigh, St Bartholomew (Southwark).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev William Aries, Vicar, Bournemouth, St Clement (Winchester): to retire as from 31 December.

The Rev Canon Christopher P Horton, Priest-in-charge, Grangetown, St Hilda (York): to retire.

The Rev John Leaworthy, Chaplain to HM Prison, Full Sutton (York): to resign as from 31 August.

Other appointments

Dr Dr Keith Lindsey, co-ordinator of the "Respond" project in Cleveland: to be a lay member of the Teesside Industrial Mission Team and continue his work for "Respond" from within the Industrial Mission Team (York).

Captain John Richards, Church Army, co-ordinator of Evangelism for the West of England (Oxford): to be Parish Evangelist, Parley West (Salisbury).

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Very Rev Malcolm Grant, Provost, St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow (Glasgow and Galloway) to be Provost, St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness (Moray Ross and Caithness).

Church in Wales

The Rev John Edward Thomas Yendall, Curate, Botwnnog, to be Vicar of the Benefice of Trefdraeth with Aberffraw and Llangwyfan with Llangadwaladr, Anglesey, diocese of Bangor.

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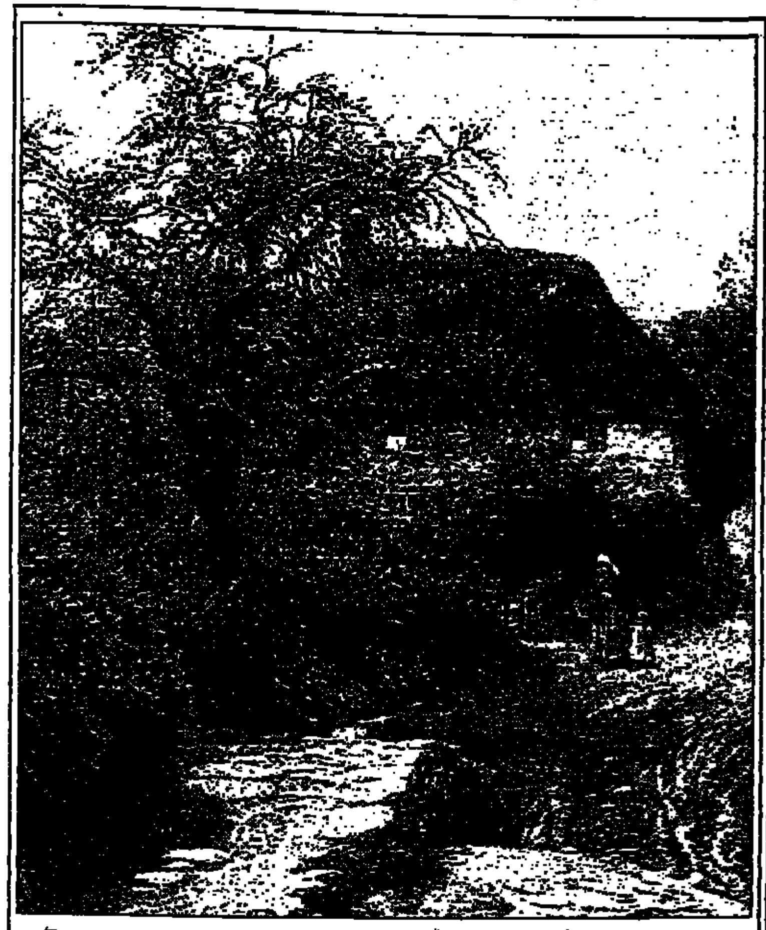


Rural idyll: Helen Allingham's Hill Farm, Symondsbury, Dorset

Coming up roses in the sale room

By John Shaw

HELEN Allingham's world of rustic country cottages, gardens ablaze with roses and hollyhocks, will be revived next month through 55 pictures expected to make up to £700,000 at Christie's in London.

They were collected by Sir Owen Aisher, a founder of Marley Tile, now Marley plc, "and are undoubtedly the finest group of water colours to come on to the market," said Andrew Clayton-Payne, one of the saleroom's picture specialists.

Many of them show large expanses of tiled roof, a collecting idiosyncrasy of Sir Owen's who like to see the pleasing mottled effect of weathered old tiles in a natural setting. Only seven or eight of the pictures show thatch.

It is often claimed that Helen Allingham (1848-1926) offered an idealized picture of Victorian country life, but this is to misread her interest in old cottages which often sprang from a desire to record them before many were either demolished or restored unsympathetically.

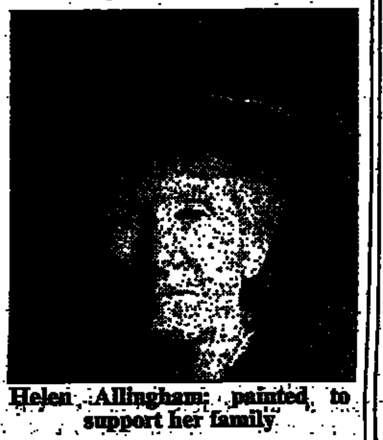
She and her husband, the poet William Allingham (1824-1889), had a wide artistic acquaintance and one of his interests was the newly formed Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

They were neighbours of Thomas Carlyle in Chelsea and after his death in 1888 the Allinghams moved to the hamlet of Sandhills, near Haslemere, Surrey. The move transformed her art from theatre sketches for magazines to rural scenes and she quickly became the queen of the Surrey cottage.

William Allingham's poor health forced her return to London and after his death she had to bring up three children on little money. She painted in Pinner, Amersham and Kent, and during the winter spent time with the Tennysons on the Isle of Wight.

Her work was popular and to supply a growing demand for cottage pictures she worked six days a week from dawn to dusk. Sir Owen, life president of the company, began to buy her water colours in the 1940s and the collection hung at the company's headquarters in Sevenoaks, Kent until 1987. His wife was a relation of William Allingham.

The company has now decided to sell the group and Christie's has produced a comprehensive catalogue. The background to many of the cottages depicted has been researched in detail. A large number have been identified and, perhaps to her efforts, still exist. The sale is on September 19.



Helen Allingham: painted to support her family

● The call of the sea exerted its attraction at Bonhams in Knightsbridge where a 430-lot sale of marine pictures made £268,000 with only 19 per cent unsold.

The top lot was William Adolphus Knell (1805-1875) of sailing ships off Madeira, shown at the Royal Academy in 1866, which made £11,000 (estimate £7,000-£9,000).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

SHAMIANA
(a) An awning or flat tent-roof without sides, as seen in countless images of the British Raj, from the Urdu *shamiyana*: "On the lawn, a shamiana with silver uprights had been erected."

URD
(c) An Indian plant of the bean family *Phaseolus mungo*, or its edible blackish seed, from the Hindi: "In Calcutta they make a hot dal from the urd instead of the pigeon-pea. It is tasty but testing for those who like that kind of thing."

QUILLAI
(b) The soap-bark tree of Chile, *Quillaia saponaria*, the bark of which possesses soap-like qualities, from the Araucanian *quillay*: "Saponaria, the quillai of the Chileans, is a tree from fifty to sixty feet high."

HOBDAY
(c) To operate on a horse in order to improve its breathing, an eponym of the vet, Sir Frederick Hobday (1869-1939): "A wind infirmity handicapped King of Saba last year and he has now been hobdayed."

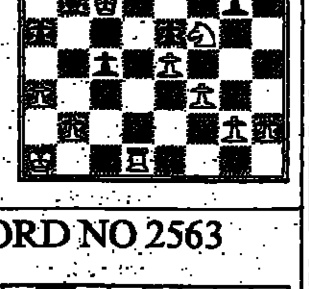
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Zuravlev — Semenjuk, USSR 1976. Here, white found a move to finish off the game immediately. What did he play?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed next Saturday.

Solution (August 10): Qxh7+. The winners are: D.L. Shapiro, Harrow; M.P. Young, Highbridge; E. Heard, Cardiff.



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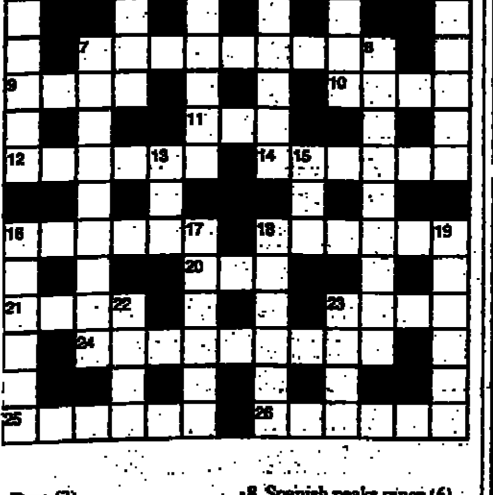

ACROSS
1 Ploy (6)
4 Empire (6)
7 Greek Venus (9)
9 Ruler set (4)
10 Egg-shaped (4)
11 Raincoat (3)
12 Taste (6)
14 Rib area (6)
16 Harm (6)
18 Blacksmith's forge (6)
20 Snow glide (3)
21 Courage (4)
23 Prayer end (4)
24 Mankind (5,4)
25 Fixed grin (6)
26 Number to be added (6)

DOWN
1 Hints (6)
2 Cassette recording (4)
3 Shiny plating (6)
4 Takeoff (6)
5 Forbid (4)
6 Two-storey apartment (6)
7 Wealth of Nations author (4,5)
8 Always (5,4)
13 Drag (3)
15 Hock to hip area (3)
16 Little knife (6)
17 Compositions (6)
18 Spanish peaks range (6)
19 Pulled (6)
22 Civil proceedings (4)
23 LSD (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2562
ACROSS: 1 Tackle 4 Jacket 9 Portico 10 Hoots 11 Rove 12 Werewolf 14 Helter skelter 16 Arquebus 18 Pile 20 Shiva 21 Trouble 23 Litter 24 Relent
DOWN: 1 Top 2 Caravel 3 Loin 5 Achiever 6 Kyoto 7 Task force 8 Somersault 11 Rehearsal 13 Delegate 15 Thimble 17 Quiet 19 Pole 22 Eat

He who rules people in justice,
who rules in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning at
sunrise a morning that is
cloudless after rain and
makes the grass from the
earth sparkle.
2 Samuel 23:3,4 REB

BIRTHS

BENTALL - On August 14th 1991, to Katie (née Woods) and Tim, a son, George Frederick Charles, a brother for Henrietta and Sophie.

BRERETON - On August 12th 1991, to Caroline and Colin, a daughter, Amanda Frances, a sister for Richard.

CREAGH-BARRY - On Sunday July 21st, at Poole Hospital, to Jill (née Speller) and Michael, a daughter, Camilla. Thanks to all staff.

HORLER - On August 15th in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, USA, to Rona (née Dickson) and Nicholas, a son, George, a brother for Hannah.

INMAN - On August 12th, at Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Michèle (née Willoughby) and John, a daughter, Alice Sarah.

LENNARD - On August 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Katherine (née Robson) and Stephen, a son, Joseph Daniel.

MIOKICHE - On August 14th 1991, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, a handsome son, Gregory, to proud parents Nicholas and Julie (née Parsons).

MORRIS - On August 9th, to Caroline (née Boone) and Andrew, a daughter, Harriet Louise.

OLIVER - On August 16th, to Rachel (née Wrench) and Robin, a son, Henry George Edwin. Deo Gratias.

OZUGERGIN - On August 13th, a daughter, Irmge, to Muge and Burak, at the AMI Portland Hospital.

PAMPEL - On August 11th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Simon and Elaine, a boy, Jonathan.

SCHREIBER - On August 14th 1991, at The Portland Hospital, David Andrew to Maureen and Bill. A brother to Jeffrey.

SHARP - On August 15th, to Diane and Scott, a boy, Elliot James. Mother and baby again well, (again father in shock).

WALKER - On August 16th, to Kathryn and Ian, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Nicola.

WRENCH - see Oliver.

DEATHS

ALLARDYCE - On August 13th 1991, after many months of illness borne with unfailing courage and humour, Hugh Allardyce, devoted son and brother, kind and trusted friend and colleague. Greatly loved by all who knew him. Service at St George's Church, The Glade, Shirley, Croydon, on Wednesday August 21st at 10.45am followed by private interment. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

ARBUS - On August 12th, suddenly at home, Muriel Joyce Arbus M.B.E., aged 76. Cremation, Golders Green, Tuesday August 20th at 3.15 pm. No flowers.

BAUGHAN - On August 15th, peacefully after a long illness, Francis Alexander, in his 80th year, beloved husband of Daphne, father of Primrose, Stephanie and Margaret and grandfather of eight grandchildren. Funeral Service on August 21st 1991 at 1.30 pm at Blacon Crematorium, Chester. All enquiries to George Pettit & Son, tel: (0244) 390578.

DUDLEY - On August 15th 1991, at home, Isabel Purves, wife of the late Sir Alan Alves Dudley K.B.E., C.M.G., and mother of Margaret. Funeral Service at St Ffraid's Church, Llansantffraid, Powys, on Friday August 23rd at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation. Enquiries and flowers to I. Jackson and Sons Funeral Directors, Llanfyllin, Powys, tel: (069184) 243.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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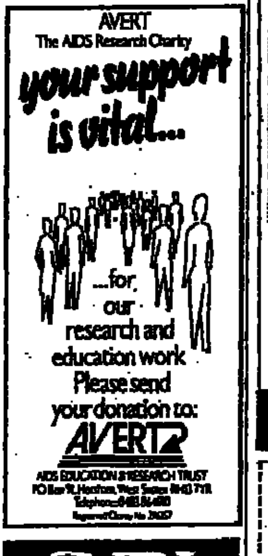

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DEATHS

DALGLIESH - On Thursday August 15th 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness borne without complaint, Charles Edward, St.D., much loved husband of Angela and father of Jane and Jonathan. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Chart Lane, Reigate, at 3 pm on Tuesday August 27th. Donations instead of flowers please to the Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o Mrs Judy Robinson, 53 Woodcrest Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4JD.

FAUX - On August 15th, peacefully in Ashtead Hospital, Frank, aged 84 years. Loving father of Jennifer and David and grandfather of Charlotte, Joanna, Nicholas and Alexander. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday August 21st at 10.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey.

GOADBY - On August 14th, Ronald Jackson, aged 88, a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt, on Tuesday August 20th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Carers Project (C.C.F.S.), 82 Chevallier Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

HARTLEY - On August 9th, in Hove, Lillian Mabel, aged 91, only remaining daughter of Charlie and Maud Hartley of Ceylon and Vancouver Island. Committal at 3 pm on Thursday September 5th, in Forest Row Cemetery, East Sussex. Requiem Eucharist will be said at her request at Christ Church, Linfield, Huddersfield.

PRING - On August 15th, peacefully in Newbury District Hospital, David Pring, of Stanford Dingley, Berkshire, aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Sue and much loved father of Hugo and Annabel. Funeral private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at a later date.

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R.D. Blackmore (1825-1900), author of Lorna Doone *and other novels, was a highly-skilled cultivator of pears, peaches and nectarines at his home in Teddington, Middlesex. Jane Austen, a more celebrated writer, seems to have been on less than sure ground when it came to writing about apples, apparently, being unable to tell a "cooker" from an "eater".*

AMATEUR FRUIT-GROWING

"You are only fit to give your name to a pear!" Thus contemptuously did a young woman dismiss a lover in Maurice Donnay's *Education de Prince*, which agreeably shocked audiences at the Royalty a few months ago.

One is reminded of the Venetian who bade Rousseau *lasciare le donne* and take to mathematics. But is not to be denied that some of our greatest apples and pears have had a habit of inheriting undistinguished names. Who was Cox of the Orange Pippin or Potts of the Seedling or Williams of the Bon Chrétien? By their fruits we know them; not otherwise.

Nevertheless it is one of the most beneficent ways of becoming memorable. Who, save the compilers of pomological dictionaries, know any details about Olivier de Serres, an obscure French provincial magistrate, who devoted his leisure to the propagation of pears and published a catalogue of them in 1651? For the world at large his fame is enshrined in one of our best late winter pears, subject like others of its season to *Fusicladium pyrinum*, but admitted even by the late Mr. R.D. Blackmore to be "very good for so late a kind."

The author of "Lorna Doone" grew pears himself, and abused most of them roundly. "Worthless at Teddington" was the label he affixed to half the pears described in the late Dr. Hogg's "Fruit Manual" – a classic work which it would be well worth somebody's while to bring up to date.

The plain truth is, there are better localities for pears than the Thames Valley. Readers of Hogg know that against the vituperation of Blackmore you can always set the encomium of Luckhurst. "Mr. Blackmore finds it (Nouvelle Fulvie) not good at Teddington, and on the Weald of Sussex Mr Luckhurst says it comes large, and is very delicious." For Mr Blackmore and unhappy Teddington Comte de Lamy was of "middling quality and not worth growing," whereas Mr. Luckhurst in the glorious Weald of Sussex declared it was "of an eminently delicious flavour, and should find a place in every garden."

Another triumph for the Weald of Sussex, not yet commemorated by Mr. E.V. Lucas or Mr. Hilaire Belloc! A new pear has been named after Mr. Blackmore. Nemesis would seem to demand that it prove worthless. Somehow, literary persons have a trick of coming to grief over fruit. Is there not the famous instance of Jane Austen, who brought Emma Woodhouse and Mrs. Elton to a strawberry-gathering party at Donwell Abbey, and on the same day showed them the orchard in blossom at Abbey-mill Farm?

Even an orchard of the Court-Pendu Plat, called the Wise Apple because of its late bloom (its wisdom, by the way, proved rank folly this season), could not be in bloom so late as that. But Jane Austen was very vague in pomology. Miss Bates said the apples of which Mr. Knightley sent her a sack every year were the very finest sort for baking, and there never was such a keeping apple. You conclude it was a cooker, until you find Jane Fairfax eating one.

There were two trees of this unnamed sort in Mr. Knightley's orchard, which Mrs. Bates remembered to have been always famous in her younger days. If Miss Austen had ever looked into Mr. T.A. Knight's "Treatise on the Culture of the Apple and the Pear," published by B. and R. Crosby and Co., of Stationers'-court, a year or two before "Emma," she would have been a better hand at describing an apple.

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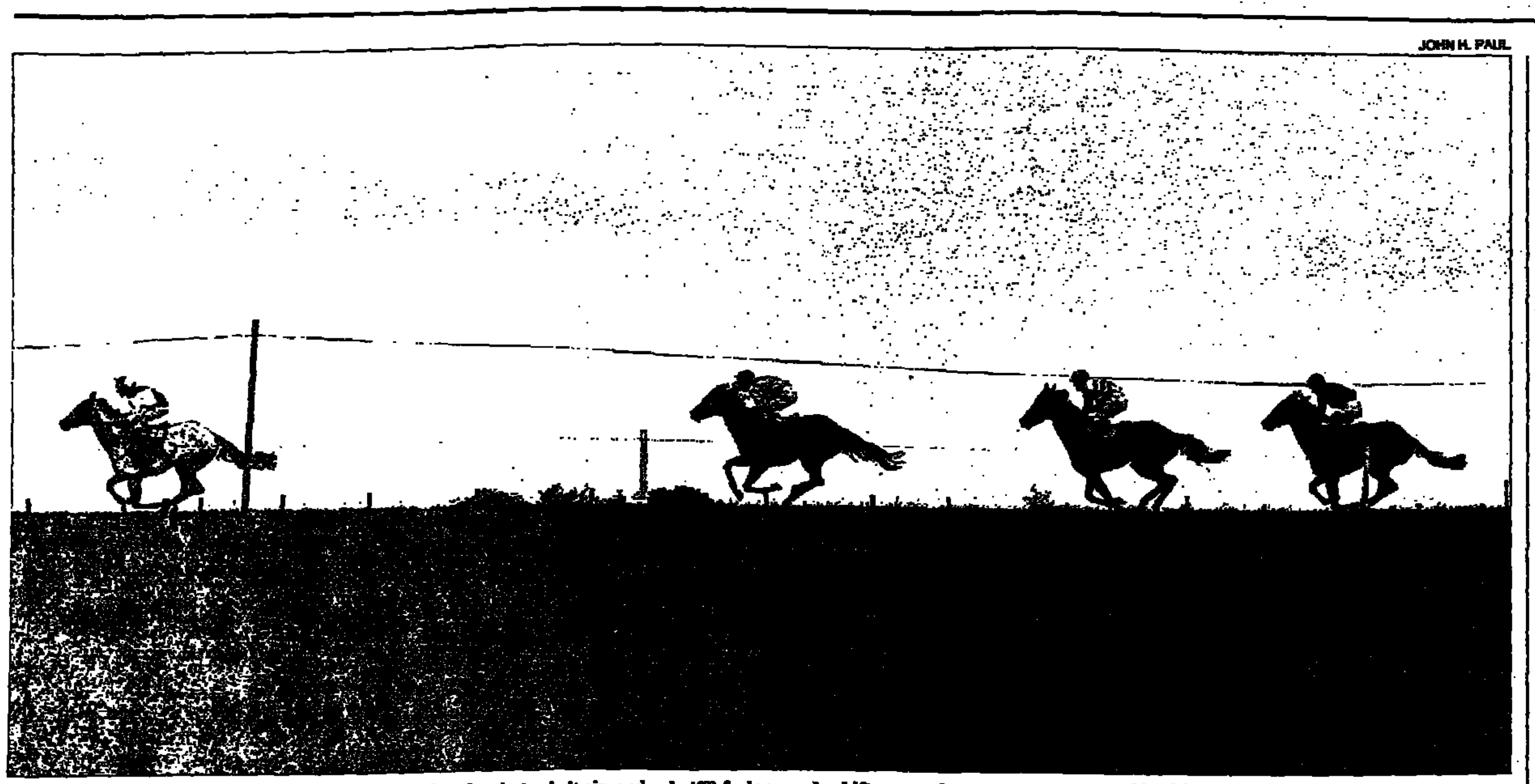

Racing for the post: the field at Insch completing the six (or is it six-and-a-half?) furlong makeshift course that attracts punters and bookies from hundreds of miles around

Flapping over the Borders

Insch is the Royal Ascot, the Goodwood of Britain's most northerly racecourse. Not select, but full of action. **Alastair Robertson** reports

The Jockey Club rules probably have something to say about dogs running in the 3.30 at Epsom. But nobody seemed particularly concerned when a liver-coloured greyhound joined the 7.20 at Insch, and indeed at one point looked a fair bet for a place.

One thousand punters, 30 racehorses, a dozen jockeys and eight bookies gathered at Murrial Farm, high above the small Aberdeenshire village, for the seventeenth Insch Horse Races last weekend. These are the most northerly meetings in the British Isles, or the most northerly anyone knows about.

"This," cried Walter Moir, a painter and decorator and a co-founder of the meeting, "is our Royal Ascot, our Goodwood, the Cheltenham Gold Cup of Scottish flapping." And he proudly waved his plastic beaker of vodka and Coke over the six, or possibly six-and-a-half, furlong course (nobody seemed sure which) marked out with white ribbon and fence posts. Two weeks earlier it had produced a fine crop of late silage for farmer George Stuart.

Nobody knows where the word flapping comes from, not even its participants. The *Oxford English Dictionary* traces its first known usage to *Queen* magazine in 1911. Other than that, all agree flapping is racing under any rules other than those of the Jockey Club. Insch rules are normal enough: no pulling (deliberately losing), no excessive use of the whip and "don't ride the opposition into the rails".

Flapping is largely confined to the Celtic fringes of the British Isles. In Ireland it may be a bigger industry than racing "under rules". In the Borders it is an obsession — 20 meetings a year between Hawick, Langham, Bogside and Irvine, and frequently as many as 20 runners in a race. At Insch five horses is the norm, each race worth £375. For the Borderers, a rumbustious crew of hard-drinking owners and jockeys with narry a trilby hat nor camel-hair coat between them, Insch is the only place to be on the second weekend in August.

"This is the flappers' annual pilgrimage; racing for the working man. We've come 360 miles for this. Wouldn't miss it," declared Ray Willey, a coalman from Canonbie and part-owner with Roy Minty, a local hotelier, of Imnotapanama, the seven-year-old beaten into fourth place by the greyhound on Friday night. "Well, the dog didn't help, but the going was a bit hard for him," said Mr Willey with a nod and a wink.

How much nodding and winking goes on at Insch is anyone's guess. That the four winning horses on Friday night all won their races the next day suggested that nothing outrageous was afoot — or at least nothing to produce a repeat of several years ago when an 8-1 outsider romped home seven lengths clear of the two joint favourites in a three-horse race. On that occasion the jockey of a much fancied local horse was pursued by a furious crowd of suspicious punters amid suggestions that things might have gone better had he not spent the entire night and following morning in the bar of the Commercial hotel.

> *'We earned a wage today,' grinned the bookie said to have painlessly extracted £200 from a local dentist*

Things have changed. "I don't touch drink till the meeting's over, then I get a good kick at The Bull," said Ian Crozer, the defending champion jockey of the Border circuit whose nickname, "Crow", is tattooed on one forearm and the legend "Horses my ruin" on the other. "Na, nothing funny here," said Crow, who claimed to have ridden, in his youth, for the big names in racing. That he no longer does so appeared to have less to do with his jockeying skills, he hinted mysteriously, as with a tale worthy of Dick Francis, involving two identical horses, £40,000 and someone making a dash for the Channel ferry to Ostend.

With the exception of Crow, all the jockeys were amateurs, riding for a chance of £40 a win, although it was said a good rider could take home £500 for a weekend's work. "Just because we don't do it for a living doesn't mean we don't take it seriously. We take it as seriously as Henry Cecil," said David Boyd, of Irvine, referring to the champion trainer from nearby Deeside. "Love it, love it. Can't keep away," declared Trapper, up from the Borders and ticktacking for bookie Doddie Kemp, from Aberdeen. "We've earned a wage today," grinned Mr Kemp, who was said to have painlessly extracted £200 in one bet from a local dentist. Trapper, too, had earned a wage. As the meeting waited for the official result of a dead heat — no cameras for photo finishes at Insch — Trapper had piled in on the strength of information from his "spotter" at the winning post. "See that? Fifty quid. Love it, love it."

On Friday night, the only real beating the bookies took was with Cracker, part-owned by Ian Ledingham, a machine minder at Tait's Inverurie paper mills. First time out it had come in at 7-1. "The feeling of a winner . . . you just don't know until you've had one," sighed Mr Ledingham, easing a roll of banknotes as thick as a fetlock from a trousers pocket.

Like all flapper owners he is fiercely defensive of the so-called unofficial side of racing: "We see our horses every day; more than some owners who only see them in the paddock at Cheltenham."

A good flapping horse can cost up to 2,000 guineas and is usually either a late developer which trainers have given up on, or one an owner can no longer afford — "People who think it's smart to own a horse," Mr Willey sniffed.

Down in the Station Hotel, Footloose, the Northern Irish band booked for the race dance, was warming up. A head came round the bar-room door. "Anyone here seen a greyhound?"

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Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Tripped up by a grim reaper

AS I strolled innocently into the kitchen the other day, I felt the same horror that must have gripped the sailor in *Treasure Island* when he opened the envelope to discover the black spot. Lying on the table, giving no hint of its latent menace, was a gently curving six-inch piece of wire. I hoped it might be the broken end of a wire coat-hanger; but when I saw a label hanging from it my fears were confirmed. I read the shakily written words out loud so that there should be no doubt. It said: "Binder Trip Spring from Gordon."

The wire was a vital component in our binder we shall use to harvest our oats and barley. I have been putting off the day when I would have to face this tangled mass of cogs, belts, chains, canvasses and flailing lengths of wood. I have been pretending that somehow this apparently incoherent machine would, if left alone in the barn, pull itself together sufficiently to be hauled round the field and picturesquely turn standing corn into sheaves. But the sight of the trip spring, a gift from my old friend Mr Sly, confirmed that the day of confrontation had arrived.

First I rang my benefactor to thank him for his gift, without which a binder is as much use as a jumbo jet without the ignition key. Mr Sly, you may remember, is the retired machinery dealer who unearthed this 40-year-old binder in the first place. But it turned out that the trip spring was even older than the binder. Mr Sly's brother, a Suffolk farmer who liked the security of a good set of spares around him, had recently died and in his desk drawer lay the spring, put away carefully for a rainy day. Only a man in the know would have spotted its true worth. Trying to buy one today would be like hunting for spares for Stephenson's Rocket. I was grateful to have it.

However, the most pressing problem was not the lack of a spring but a lack of coherence in the entire machine. I set a lad to remove the rust and solidified grease of five decades and give it a lick of paint. But who was going to lay his magical hands on this confounded device and bring it back to life? The phone rang. My prayers were answered. It was Farmer Jones from up the hill, inviting me to view his collection of farming antiques.

I spent a happy evening in his barn enjoying old forks and shovels, gas masks and bits of beloved machines long since departed. But when he showed me his father's old car, I knew that Farmer Jones was the man who could wave a recuperative wand over my binder.

The car was a 1932 Austin 10 and the remarkable thing was that it had been modified for the old man, who stood less than 5ft tall. The pedals were extended and, presumably, there had once been a cushion on the driving seat. However, the old boy still had problems seeing over the bonnet and kept hitting things with the front bumper. To prevent further collision, he took the bumpers off. If you have no bumpers, he assumed, you can't bump into anything. Simple. The son of such a man, I guessed, must have inherited a streak of ruthless logic, and if anyone needed a literal mind untroubled by tangential thought, it was the hero who was going to fix my binder. My invitation was accepted and Farmer Jones and his friend, Frank, arrived next morning.

We dragged the tangled machine out to face the field of golden corn. When working properly, it cuts the corn and, by passing it over a series of conveyor belts, gathers it in a bundle. It puts a string round it, ties a knot in it and spits it on to the ground. That is called a sheaf and the mere sight of one can bring a tear to the eye of those who remember old harvests and festivals. But tears, I suspect, may be shed well before any of our corn is gathered. As I write, the machine has spat its first sheaf in 40 years and I must sadly inform you that there is no string round it. A sheaf without a string is like a sausage without a skin — unmanageable. Farmer Jones and Frank are standing like two shocked men at the scene of a nasty accident, trying to work out why.

Much mechanical torment lies ahead before all is safely gathered in.

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Feather report

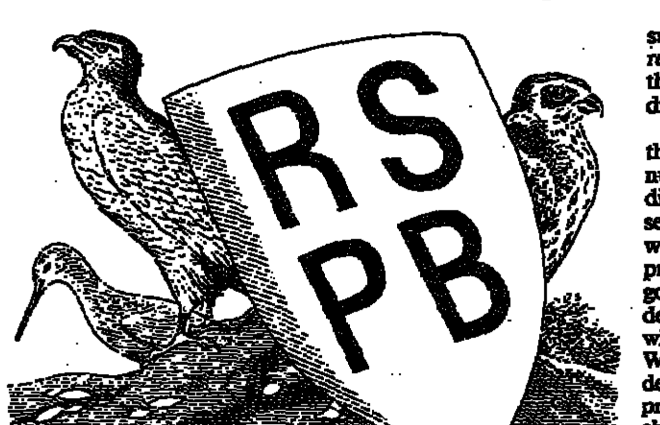
Radicals in tweed jackets

OUTING has been in the news, and I think it is about time this column got into the act. This week I propose to set about the outing of the RSPB. The organisation is not what it seems: not a gathering of retired colonels and dotty old women operated by lick-spittle, government-friendly, status-quo-supporting good eggs in tweed jackets. This is a hard-line conservation organisation.

The latest issue of the RSPB's magazine, *Birds*, has the traditional advertisements for things such as porcelain woodpeckers and terracotta bird-feeders and bronze avocets, just as you would expect. But the editorial comment is a piece of undiluted anti-government thunder: "Government ministers have put the wildlife sites in Scotland at risk. After promising unwavering commitment to their protection, they have caved into the interests of a minority of landowners."

This is tough stuff, and it comes from the RSPB chief executive, Barbara Young. What next? Will we get the retired colonels and the tweedy women of the RSPB heartland chaining themselves to raw sewage outlets and nuclear power stations, like Greenpeace activists? Has the society been taken over by campaigners from the Armageddon organisations?

Not exactly. The RSPB is in more or less the same place it has always been: defending birds and their habitats, as its charter says it must. The society had not budged: it is the forces *against* conservation that have moved.



Breeding threat: greenshank, golden eagle and merlin

The pace of destruction has increased, and with each increase the RSPB's duty to fight it becomes more important. By simply sticking to its guns, the society has had to become increasingly radical.

This particular issue concerns the Cairngorms and the Flow Country in Scotland, habitat for breeding greenshank, dottrel and snow bunting, and for golden eagle, hen harrier and merlin. These birds are threatened by as neat a piece of bureaucratic juggling as you could wish to see. New procedures mean that more than 150 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in Scotland can now be challenged by a few wealthy landowners.

This goes back to the government's great anti-conservation coup of a couple of years back, under which the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) was disbanded and replaced by regional organisations for England, Scotland and Wales: trebling bureaucracy, wasting resources, and generally being a thoroughly effective piece of divide-and-rule legislation.

In the face of much criticism, from the RSPB and elsewhere, a special co-ordinating body was established, and ministers said again and again that the commitment to the protection of the SSSIs would be unwavering. The SSSI system is the legal backbone of conservation efforts in this country. But in Scotland it is being undermined, says Ms Young. A new statutory committee is being set up, and it will be able to review the decisions of the Scottish Natural Heritage Agency (formerly NCC Scotland). In other words, decisions on SSSIs can be summarily overturned, even retrospectively. This opens the way to conservation disaster.

"It is not hard to conclude that in Scotland a small number of landowners now direct the government's conservation policy," Ms Young writes. "The RSPB has a professional approach. Where government is concerned, our dealings are based on trust, which has to be worked at. When ministers announce a decision we agree with, we praise them. When they choose a counter course, we comment accordingly.

"Dozens of sites are now open to review, including those we battled long to protect . . . Once the government could claim the high moral ground . . . No longer can it do this. Ministers have abandoned all their pledges, broken the trust established with the RSPB and weakly capitulated to one interest group. Are conservation sites really safe in their hands?"

The RSPB has always been a frightfully respectable organisation. The more it stands firm against the forces of anti-conservation, the more respect it deserves.

SIMON BARNES

● **What's about:** Birders — *Arctic skuas heading south along coasts: watch for gulls and terns pursued by fierce, darter bird.* Twitchers — *booted eagle (first for Britain) seen between Margate and Broadstairs, Kent. First greenish warbler of the season at Waxham, Norfolk. Details from Birdline 0898 700222.*

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Alcester fair:** The Warwickshire and West Midlands Game Fair features falconry, crafts, side-saddle riding, helicopter rides, working gun dogs, sporting art and racing husky exhibitions. On Sunday only, mink hound, terrier, lurcher and ferret shows.
Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire (0789 762090). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. £5, child under 11 accompanied by adult free. Other children £3.

☐ **Bournemouth kites:** Kite-flying festival, featuring traditional and unusual kites, parachuting teddy bears, and other oddities, stalls, and children's entertainment.
Hengistbury Head, Bournemouth, Dorset. Tomorrow, 10am-5pm. Free. Further information: 0202 789789.

☐ **Hamble excursion:** Guided evening boat trip up the river Hamble, with supper at Manor Farm on your return.
Upper Hamble Country Park, Bursledon, Hampshire. Tonight, meet Barnfield kiosk 6pm. Booking essential: 0489 787055.

☐ **Gillingham rarities:** Vintage machinery weekend with tractors, stationary engines, cars, lorries and trade stands at the Rare Breeds Farm. Also many animals, milking, lamb-feeding, children's play area.
Dorset Rare Breeds Centre and Farm Museum, Shaftesbury Road, Gillingham, Dorset (0747 822169). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. £2, children £1.50.

☐ **Ide Hill country fair:** Craftsmen demonstrate skills and sell their wares. Also bands, country dancers, workshops, a maze, painting for children.
Emmetts Garden, Ide Hill, near Sevenoaks, Kent. Today, tomorrow, 11am-5.30pm. £2.50, children 50p. Further information: 0892 890651.

☐ **Woburn fly-in:** The De Haviland Moth Club celebrates the Tiger Moth's sixtieth anniversary. Up to 70 aircraft arrive this morning. Displays and demonstrations throughout the weekend.
Woburn Abbey, Woburn, Bedfordshire (0525 290666). Today, tomorrow from 9am. £5 per car.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Duxford:** Free entry for children under 16 to the museum's collection of 120 aircraft, which includes a Concorde. Talks, an adapted Land-Rover for children to drive, RAF, navy and army exhibitions, quizzes, pleasure flights.
Imperial War museum, Duxford airfield, Cambridgeshire (0223 833963). Mon from 10am. £4.60.

JUDY FROSHAUG

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The shaming of Shaw

The house in which George Bernard Shaw was born, and where he lived in 'shabby, genteel poverty', is virtually a ruin. But the fight is on to save it. **Edward Gorman** reports

Saving history: Professor Nora Lever, co-trustee of the campaign to save Shaw's birthplace

From the outside, No 33 Synge Street, part of an elegant row of Victorian terrace houses in south central Dublin, appears attractive and well kept. The circular plaque on the red brick wall reminds passers-by that it was once the home of one of the greatest literary figures ever to have emerged from Ireland.

The plaque, which was put up by a dustbin man at a cost to himself and his friends of £38 in the early 1940s, reads: "Bernard Shaw. Author of many plays was born in this house 26 July 1856."

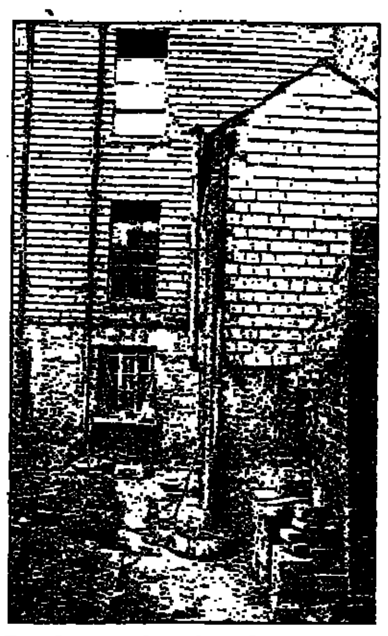
Inside, behind the deceptively orderly exterior, Shaw's home for the first ten years of a life which spanned nearly a century, is virtually in ruins. Nora Lever, a retired professor of drama who, as the chairwoman of the Shaw Birthplace Museum Trust, is leading the fight to save the house, welcomes visitors with the solemn invitation: "Come in, and see the devastation."

The house, which has changed hands scores of times since the Shaws left in 1866, has been allowed to run into a state of serious disrepair and is a depressing sight. There is rot in the timbers, the plaster is crumbling from the walls, there are holes in the ceilings and damp infests every corner. The bedroom where Lucinda Elizabeth Carr Shaw gave birth to George Bernard, is disfigured by cheap carpeting, layers of plastic wallpaper and inappropriate paint.

The writer's childhood bedroom below, which looks on to the garden, is in a similar state, with holes in the floor and cracks in the ceiling. The repair bill alone is estimated at about £80,000. The striking thing about the place is that despite its condition one quickly comes to feel — partly through the enthusiasm of Ms Lever — a sense of its history, which inspires images of the young Shaw, perhaps playing in the back garden with his sisters Lucy and Frances, or receiving tuition from his governess in the parlour.

Ms Lever and her friend and co-campaigner, Frances McCarthy, who lives in the house next door, are passionate about Shaw and heartbroken that his home, and his legacy, have been so shabbily treated. Mrs McCarthy, whose lifelong interest in Shaw was inherited from her father, believes the state of the house and the begrudging response from the government and arts bodies to her pleas for funding, are symptomatic of their approach to Dublin's literary and architectural heritage.

"This to me is a tragedy," she says. "We've lost so many treasures in Dublin through stupidity, ignorance and apathy. We must save this house — the birthplace of one of the greatest literary figures in the world."



Desolate: garden where Shaw played

Shaw was not fond of his boyhood home, then No. 3 Synge Street, and described his life there as "shabby, genteel poverty". The house then looked out on to open fields, near what is now the heart of Dublin.

In a short essay entitled "Am I An Educated Person?", published three years before his death in 1950, Shaw wrote of Synge Street: "Great as is my debt to famous books, great pictures and noble music for my education I should be even more ignorant than I am but for my removal at the age of ten from the street in which I was born, half of it faced with a very unpicturesque field which was soon obscured by a hoarding plastered with advertisements . . . " Later he wrote of his ecstatic happiness on being told by his mother that the family was to move to the seaside village of Dalkey, where he could enjoy extravagant views over Dublin Bay and Killiney Bay.

But there is evidence that Shaw would nevertheless have delighted in Mrs McCarthy's ambition to turn Synge Street into a museum and study centre dedicated to his life and work. At the end of his life, he recalled that Torca Cottage in Dalkey, into which the family moved after leaving Synge Street, "now bears a handsome plaque commemorating my residence there. It was unveiled in January 1948 and gratified me immensely."

Mrs McCarthy wants Synge Street to be restored as a family home of the period. "I want it to be as though the family had gone out for a stroll and could be back at any moment. I want it to be alive," she says.

The obstacle is money. The trust bought the house two years ago for £111,000, raising about half the money from donors, including the British embassy (which gave £15,000), the Irish Tourist Board and the government. But it has been unable to repay a £54,000 loan taken out from the Allied Irish Bank on the remainder, and has just two weeks to find the money or the house will be put back on the market. One room, at the front of the house on the ground floor, has been restored to demonstrate what could be possible for the rest of the house.

So far Ms Lever's appeals have had only one response, from the National Gallery of Ireland, which announced on Tuesday that it had made a donation. The amount was not disclosed.

The campaign for the money has been given fresh impetus by the publication in *The Irish Times* last weekend of an open letter to Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, from Michael Holroyd, who recently completed a biography of Shaw.

The author warned that the state must step in to save the house if Ireland is to avoid "a national humiliation". Mr Holroyd pointed out to Mr Haughey, whose flexibility is restricted by unexpected government overspending this year, that successive Irish governments have done very little to honour Shaw.

He also said millions of pounds derived from royalties bequeathed to the National Gallery in Dublin have been spent on building and refurbishment projects which, Mr Holroyd maintains, should have been paid for out of central government funds.

Time is running out for the house but its trustees, who believe the British hold Shaw in greater esteem than do his native Irish, remain confident that the money will be found and that their benefactor may come from across the water.

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Glasgow sound:** Hear 175 pipe bands from Scotland, Ireland, the US, Canada, Australia, and many European countries at the World Pipe Band championships. Also highland dancing and displays, a full highland games, pony club competitions and children's funfair. First competition 9am. Grand March past 5pm.
Bella Houston Park,
Glasgow. Today. £2.

☐ **Huddersfield gala:** Musical and family entertainment and the finals of the Open Flower, Vegetable and Handicraft Show. Tomorrow afternoon, jazz in the park with many local groups and soloists.
Greenhead Park,
Huddersfield, Yorkshire.
Today, tomorrow from 2pm.

☐ **Richmond comes alive:** International festival of street music with more than 100 musicians, including Afro-Brazilian, Caribbean, UK and local community bands.
Riverside and various
venues, Richmond, Surrey.
Today, tomorrow from
2pm. Free. Information: 081-940 9125.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Hendon highlights:** Flight Activities Week offers entertainment including "flights" in a tethered hot-air balloon, a Royal Artillery display team jump, children's workshop, kite-flying, rocketry, boomerang throwing, model aircraft construction and flight simulators.
Royal Air Force Museum,
Grahame Park Way, London
NW9 (081-205 2266).
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☐ **Weymouth festivities:** Carnival with a procession of about 100 floats from 6pm, followed by a Red Arrows display team flight, parachute drops, fairground stalls, street entertainment and discos. Fireworks display starts about 9.30pm.
Weymouth, Dorset. Wed.

JUDY FROSHAUG

Assets: kitchen machines

A cut above the usual

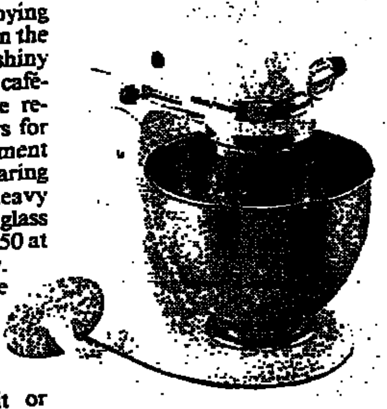
HEAVY-DUTY professional kitchen machines are enjoying a surprise revival. Hard on the heels of the sturdy, shiny Dualit toaster, with its café-size capacity, have come requests from home-owners for pukka catering equipment such as the American Waring blender, which has a heavy chrome base and chunky glass jug, and sells for about £150 at Divertimenti and Liberty.

Both shops also sell the Waring professional juice extractor, designed in the Fifties, which makes swift work of four pounds of fruit or vegetables all at one go. It costs a hefty £305 at Liberty, although a smaller, portable version is available at £100.

The Kitchen Aid food mixer, also imported from the United States, features a chunky enamel design and stainless steel bowl and has long been a favourite among commercial caterers. Now the 50-year-old whizzer is appearing in domestic kitchens, where its old-fashioned qualities of durability and stability are increasingly appreciated, even if the optional attachments for grinding grain, stuffing sausages or opening cans are perhaps under-utilised. Divertimenti sells this five-speed machine for £355 (attachments cost extra). It is also stocked at Liberty.

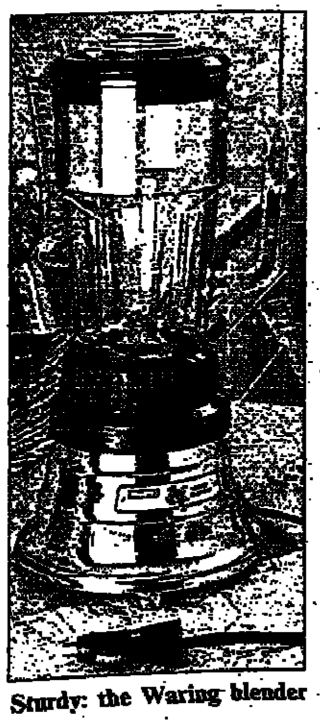
La Gelatiera is an automatic sorbet and ice-cream maker, a smaller version of the machines used in Italian restaurants, which creates three litres in a hour. It is made in Italy and costs £552 from the French Kitchen Shop.

Nor, is it surprising that heavy-duty professional espresso/cappuccino makers, such as the Pavoni, to order from Authentics, are sought after by home-owners, despite sky-high prices (the Pavoni costs £399). Few domestic versions are able to froth milk sufficiently for an acceptable cappuccino.



Heavy duty: the Kitchen Aid

Tony Reeve, the general manager of Robot Coupe UK, which imports the Waring machines and the Kitchen Aid food mixer, comments: "We've been selling professional equipment to commercial establishments in the UK for about five years, but recently we've noticed that these machines are going into a growing number of domestic kitchens. It may be a backlash against cheap and cheerful equipment that doesn't last very long. Despite the price differential, the extra cost of professional equipment doesn't seem to daunt a certain category of customer."



Sturdy: the Waring blender

Non-professional food processors designed specifically for domestic kitchens can cost almost as much as their catering counterparts (the top-of-the-range Kenwood FP800 retails at £130, and the Magimix 5000 at £155), but even a basic £30 machine will mix cakes, make pastry and bread dough, blend mayonnaise, and slice, shred and chop vegetables.

Paying top prices for a domestic machine may not purchase convenience, although that will ensure a machine with a larger bowl, more powerful motor (up to 950w for the largest Magimix) and more attachments. Before buying, it is wise to consider how many extras will be used regularly. Some of the pricier models, for example, include a liquidiser attachment. But if you already own a free-standing liquidiser, even a vintage one, it will still blend a finer soup and create frothier milkshakes than an attachment.

Few domestic food processors can handle very large quantities of cake mix (average maximum capacity is a three-egg mixture) or bread dough, and some fail to come up to scratch when whisking egg whites. Nor are they the best way to make sponge cakes, since a food processor cannot beat in as much air as a conventional hand whisk.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

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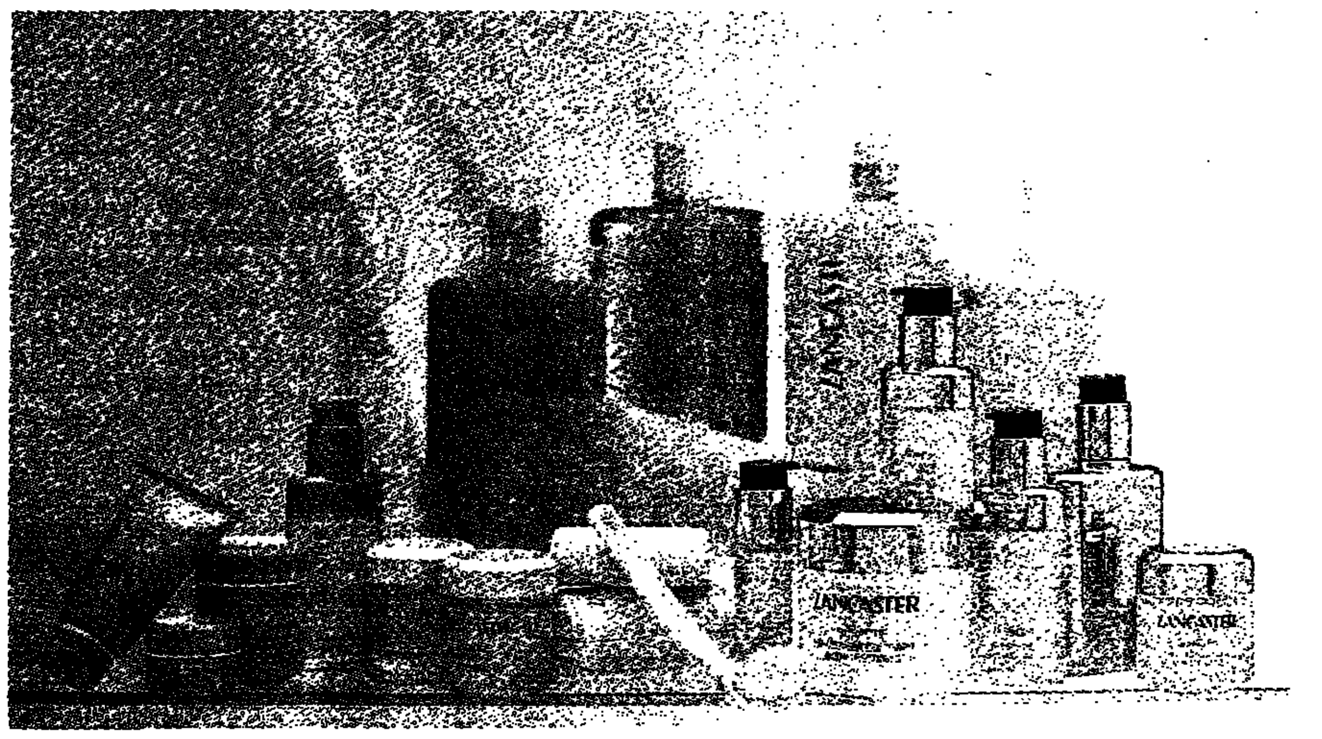

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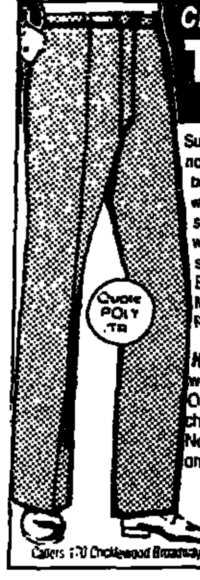

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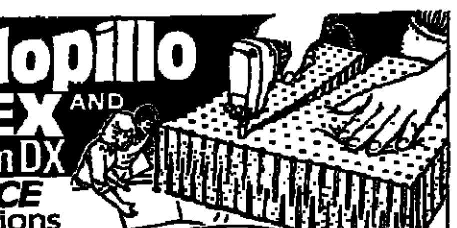

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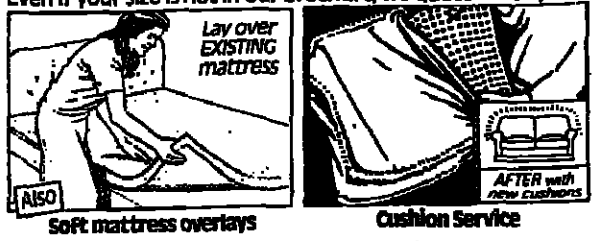

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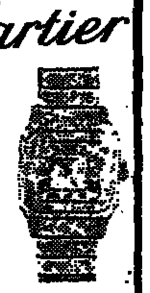

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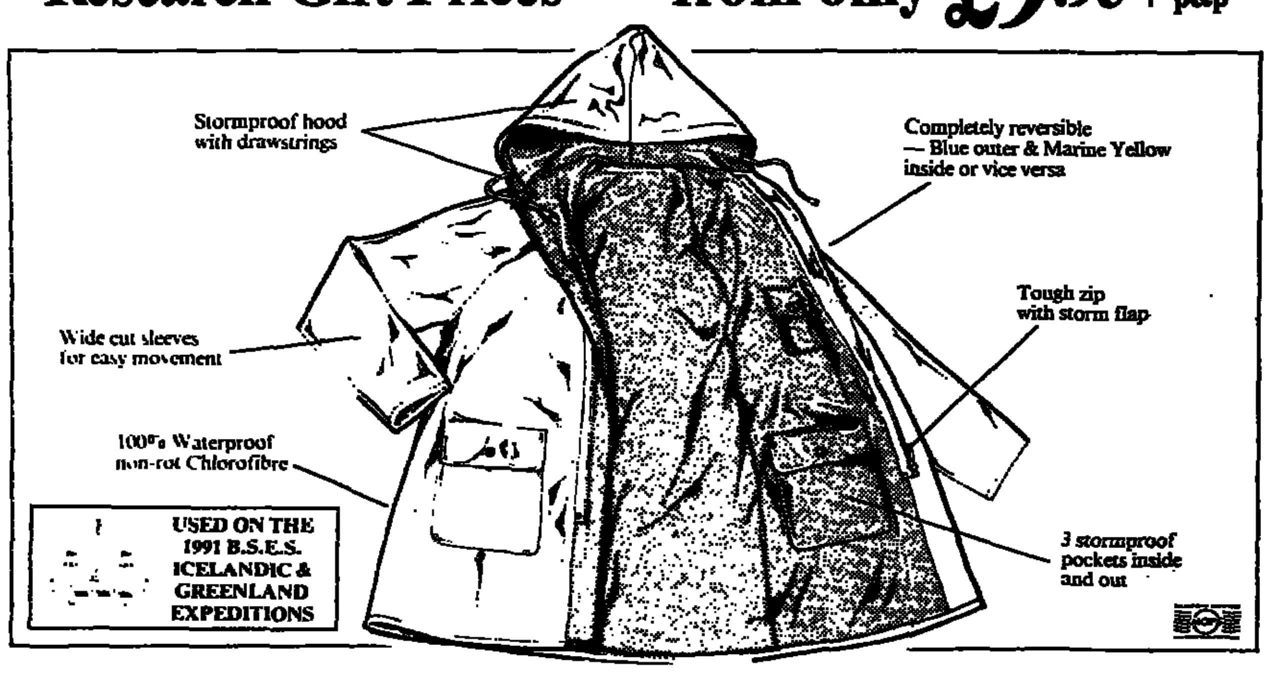

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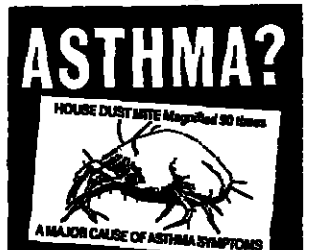

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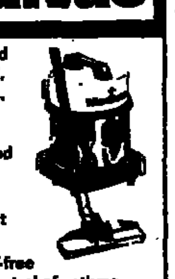

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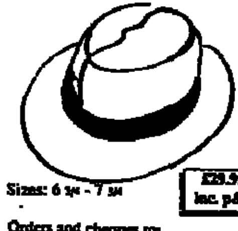

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French palaces of artistic variety

Huon Mallalieu reviews the exhibition 'From Fontainebleau to Versailles', and discovers some fine paintings — and odd byways

For the first time, the Bond Street galleries of Wildenstein & Co will remain open throughout the summer, breaking a tradition which reflected the Parisian origins of the firm. Those origins are very evident in its exhibition "From Fontainebleau to Versailles", showing until September 20, which consists of French courtly paintings and drawings of the 16th and 17th centuries.

The use of the two great palaces as bookends for the show makes sense from the art history point of view as much as from that of political history, as it symbolises the progress from Italian mannerism through international baroque to the quintessential Frenchness of rococo, and a similar progression in the consolidation of French monarchial power.

Both palaces were intended to stand as political and artistic statements. In 1528, François I, who had already employed Leonardo, decided to make Fontainebleau a centre of Italian art. His intention was doubtless cultural, but also related to his military campaigning in Italy and his struggles with Charles V.

French painting was only just beginning to emerge from the Gothic traditions of the illuminators, and by his patronage of Italians François propelled it through the Renaissance. The artists he imported — Primaticcio, Rosso, Niccolò dell'Abbate, Cellini — were mannerists, devotees of the post-Renaissance style that has been condemned as "an extravagance of gesture and expression, an overlengthening of proportions, and unnaturally twisted attitudes in the portrayal of figures". Fontainebleau, by displaying the latest and most sophisticated style, was to show the French monarch as dominant, both internally and in Europe.

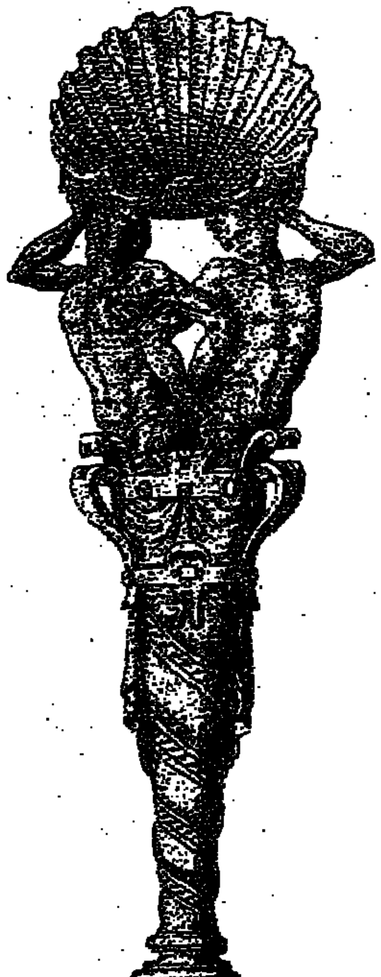
A century and a half later the Versailles of Louis XIV served the same purpose and delivered a very similar message through the triumphalism of baroque. According to Wildenstein, the exhibition covers "a much-neglected period which has never achieved the popularity of later French art".

Intriguing: detail from the panel *La Danse*, on an "Apollo" theme

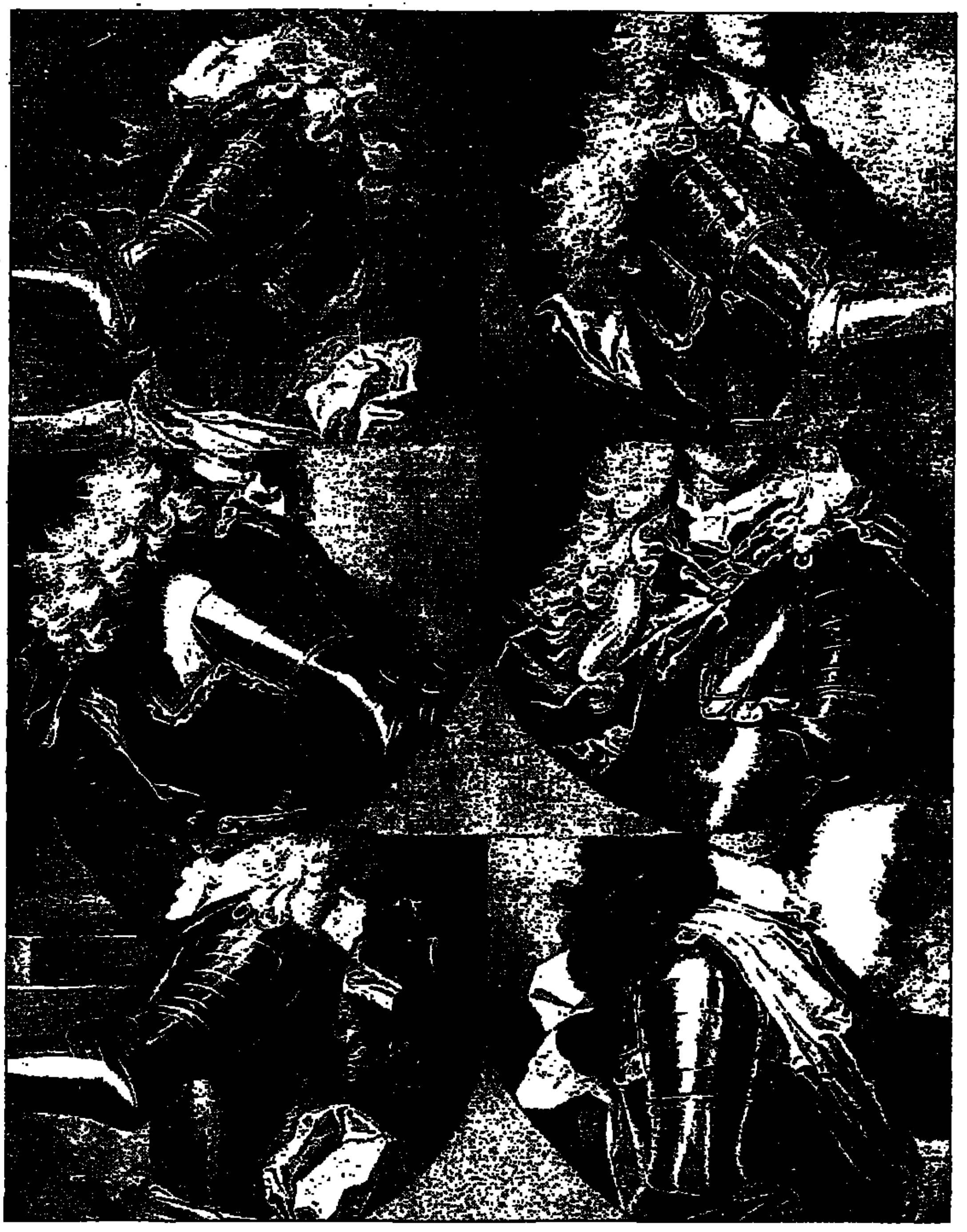
Some of this is certainly true, but, in fact, two almost distinct periods seem to be covered, and it is really only the earlier one which has suffered unjust neglect. After all, the latter part is represented in the exhibition by splendid portraits by Largillière and a *Dance of the Seasons* by Claude, and numerous works by scarcely less well-known names. Paintings such as Nicolas Bertin's charming panel of the drunken Silenus with Boucher-like nymphs should be no trouble to sell at sub-Boucher prices.

Italian mannerist drawings and paintings are not, in the jargon, "accessible" art. They are very much the territory of the specialist connoisseur. However, the Fontainebleau Italians were influenced by France as much as they influenced a generation or more of French followers, and it is surprising that their work is not more widely appreciated. Admittedly, as another leading London dealer points out, there is very little of it on the market.

Italian mannerism was softened and simplified in the school of Fontainebleau, and the themes that were to persist in French art through the centuries were already apparent, the loves and lusts of mythology, the lyricism of huntsmen and forest, an elegant femininity and the music of time. Apollo was a favourite subject at Fontainebleau, as he was to be again in the Versailles of le Roi Soleil, and fittingly he could soon be joined by Diana, goddess of the moon, in honour of Diane de Poitiers, the powerful mistress of François's successor, Henri II.



Henri Lerambert's Hermes with moon of Diana and shell of Venus



Abstract dance: a canvas broken up into six studies of body armour by Hyacinthe Rigaud (1659-1743)

Both the drawings in pen and ink and wash, and the oil paintings, such as an intriguing *La Danse* — again an Apollo theme — in the show, are by no means difficult to like, even if the exact meaning is not always clear. In financial terms, collectors are well advised to consider the school of Fontainebleau, not least because so many high-quality drawings cannot be certainly attributed to any particular hand. Even when a name can be given, £35,000 or so will secure an admirable drawing, which compares very well with prices for Italian or French 18th century drawings.

In the 16th and 17th centuries the arts, like crafts, tended to run in families, and in France minor dynasties built up, often stemming from an Italian, Burgundian or Netherlandish immigrant: thus the Clouets, Quesnels, Dumonstiers, and native-born Cousins and Le Nains.

In the exhibition there is a rather thin patch halfway between the two palaces. However, once it moves on to the official art of Versailles, there are not only fine portraits but some odd byways to be explored.

Among the byways, is a Dutch exercise of a girl sleeping in a stable, by Sebastien Bourdon, and a canvas broken up into six studies of body armour by Hyacinthe Rigaud (1659-1743). These, which concentrate on the area between chin and waist, with little bits of flowing wig and drapery, could have been a complete mess, or at least of interest only to the painter himself. In fact they form a semi-abstract dance on the canvas, and are a reminder that dancing in one form or another provides another thematic link between the seemingly disparate periods of art.

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☐ **Monday:** A collection of splendidly uncomfortable-looking Canadian burl log furniture (up to £300 for an armchair) is among the offerings at Henry Spencer of Retford, Nottinghamshire, at 10.30am.

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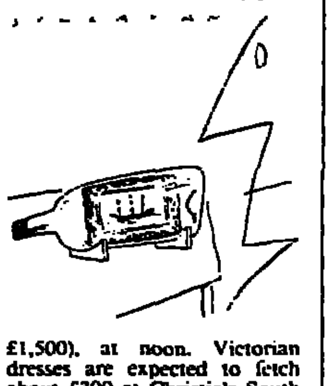

☐ **Wednesday:** Ceramics, pictures, silver, furniture and a copy of *Sketches . . . in Spain and Portugal* by William Bradford, who was an army chaplain during the Peninsular war, are being offered by Andrew Hartley at Ilkley, West Yorkshire, at 10am. In Retford, Henry Spencer has oriental works of art and a miscellany of European artefacts at 10.30am. Christie's features Victorian and Edwardian glass lampshades at a *furniture sale in Glasgow* at 11am. At the same time in London, Bonhams has juke boxes, pop memorabilia and a Dalek from the *Dr Who* television series (up to £2,500).

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Rule of thumb: shoot, cut, film

Lynne Truss, atlas in hand, discovers dexterous primates and clumsy reptiles in *Survival Special*

Having rashly agreed to a 26-mile cycle ride last weekend, I discovered something that many people knew already: that a body unaccustomed to energetic activity signals its outrage in unignorable ways. People say I have a sedentary life, but then they don't know how much lying down I do. "What have you done today, darling?" Well, I've been pinning this sofa to the floor pretty strenuously, using the whole length and breadth of my body.

So the bicycle ride came as a shock. The hobbling and moaning wore off after a couple of days; but a week later my hands have still not recovered. Struggling to shift gears with my thumbs; straining to brake to a virtual standstill on scary steep downhill slopes, my hands suffered a kind of trauma, and I was left with a strange feebleness in my thumbs. I have spent the week unable to turn keys in locks; and on Wednesday I was obliged to peg out washing with my teeth. Every time the phone rings, I think of the Gary Larson cartoon in which two cows sitting in arm-chairs regard their own ringing phone and say to one another, "There it goes again. And we just sit here without opposable thumbs."

Watching last night's **Survival Special** (Anglia), then, in which some apes in Sierra Leone demonstrated their untaught use of primitive tools, I admit my interest in their manual dexterity was of a personal kind. On the small island of Tiwai, close to the Liberian border, a last surviving rainforest sustains 11 species of primates, without a pair of properly opposable thumbs among the lot of them.

Yet there they were, deftly smiting the adamantine shells and gobbling the nuts, while the poor starving viewer looked in dismay at the litter of peanut packets strewn petulantly on the floor, her thumbs unequal to the challenge of tearing them open.

In common with many nature programmes, this *Survival Special* was an emotional roller-coaster ride. At the same time as celebrating the diversity of wildlife on this island — with fantastic shots, taken 150 feet up, in the canopy of the rain forest — the film was also a distressing "last chance to see". The animals are being hunted to extinction; the habitat is being levelled and torched. Bad men with guns are crossing the border from Liberia to kill people and eat monkey-flesh. According to *Radio Times*, the camera crew was obliged to retreat sharpish from the area, leaving the local people to be massacred.

So watching this portrait of life on Tiwai was like looking at a star — an image of something that may already be dead. It showed monkeys peacefully eating fruit or soaring through the treetops, but it also showed their miniature wizened skulls lined up next to a local outdoor barbecue. It showed splendid aerial views of the dense rainforest, but also focused on men with chain saws advancing like robots through the landscape of Sierra Leone.

Man's superior dexterity seemed to have led him to an interesting behaviour pattern: "If it moves, shoot it. If it doesn't move, cut it down. If it is fast disappearing, film it." One's assumption, somehow, is that the tool-wielding apes (if they survive) will follow in man's footsteps — though it is hard to imagine the ultimate madness of them sawing down their own trees while making documentaries about it.

All sorts of animals live on Tiwai — otters, civet cats, chameleons. But, aside from the primates, the real stars of the show were the anteaters. There are two virtually identical species of anteater on Tiwai — called pangolins — and they have arrived at a neat Cox and Box arrangement, whereby one of them hunts by day and the other by night. One of them eats red ants, and the other eats black ones. In their spare moments, perhaps, they divide boxes of chocolates into milk and plain, while singing the old Cole Porter number: You say "potayto" and I say "potahto", you say "tomayto" and I say "tomahto".

Somehow one cannot help feeling sorry for anteaters, because — well, obviously, because they eat ants. Ants, for heaven's sake. Watching the daytime pangolin push its nose into a nest, while ants swarmed in angry thousands up its legs and over its armoured body was a very nasty sensation indeed — something like being buried alive, only more itchy. But the pangolin neither flinched nor scratched. It did not even sneeze. You could imagine the cameraman shouting from his precarious treetop perch, "You okay?" and the pangolin looking dimly across and saying (with ants swarming around his eyes and mouth), "Sure. Why?"

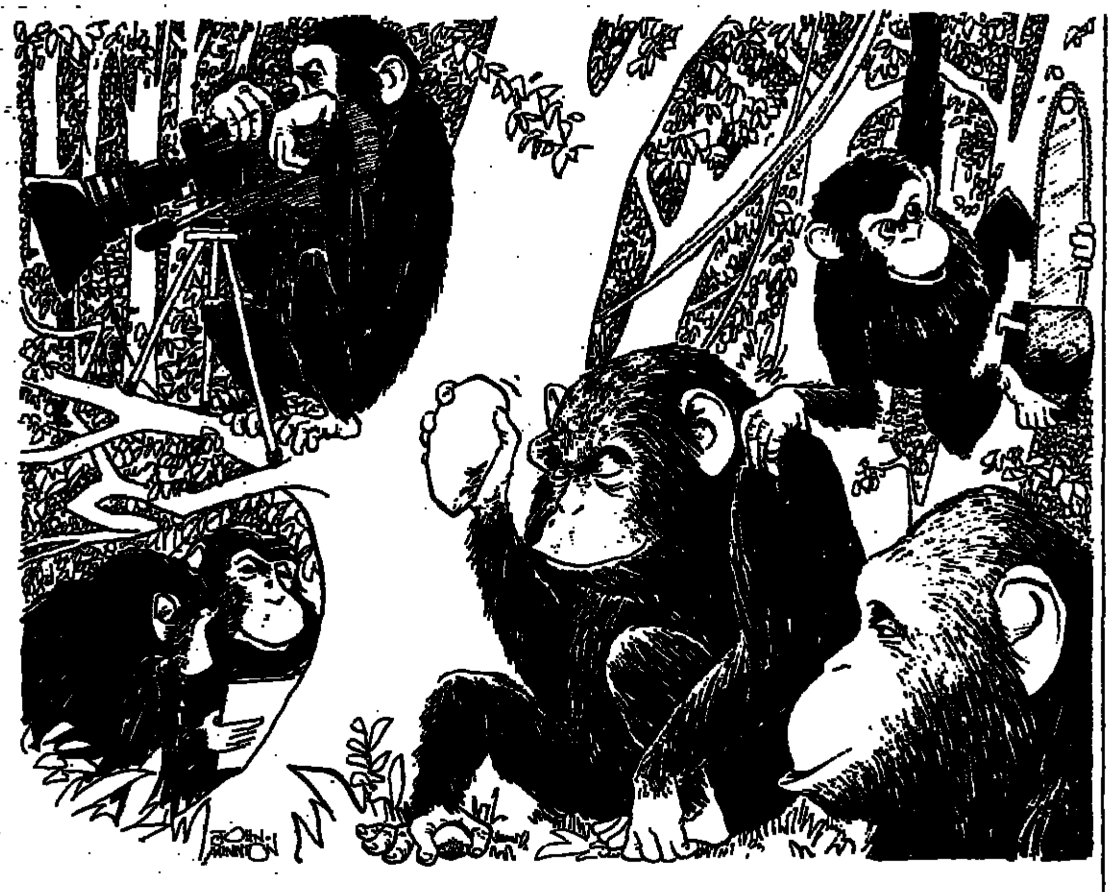
My only grouch about this film was that, in common with far too many other travel and nature documentaries, it neglected to provide a map. Surely they do not imagine that we are all so familiar with West Africa that we can automatically conjure up details of the southern bits of Sierra Leone without help? "By my reckoning, dear, this island is south of Kenema and north of Sulima." "Oh, I know; the bit where the river widens?" "That's right." "Well, we're really in for a treat, then."

Perhaps it is less important to other people, but I am not happy unless I can somehow get my bearings. The "where" is always as important as the "why" or the "how". In the recent *Travellers' Tales* (Channel 4) in which Michael Wood walked from Athens to Eleusis, I was too embarrassed to admit that I didn't know where Eleusis was, so kept trying to work out which point of the compass he was following, by studying the angle of the sun.

So I cannot help noticing, for example, that Stuart Hall's **Redemption Song** series (BBC 2), while fascinating on the structure of the post-colonial Caribbean, has left me without the faintest notion of where Antigua is. Do they not know that whereas biography is about chaps, geography is about maps? Like Alice falling down the rabbit hole, the viewer is supposed to free-float in a kind of geographical limbo, merely musing "I wonder what latitude or longitude I've got to?"

Of course, the mystification may be intentional. When a friend of mine recently purchased a street-map of Barcelona from a famous map shop in Longacre, she discovered that, because it printed the street names in Spanish rather than Catalan, it was virtually useless. She went back to the shop to tell them, and was rather surprised by their response. "Well, that's the joy of travel, really — not knowing where you are."

Unfortunately, while this same attitude prevails among the programme-makers, the viewer is constantly obliged to look things up in an atlas, turning the pages with her toes if necessary, because her thumbs have packed up.



Yielding songs of grace

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THE nickname "Great C Major" given to Schubert's Symphony No 9 already seems to dictate a certain style of performance. When one adds the sheer scale of the piece — the breadth of conception dwarfs any other of the composer's works in the genre — one seems destined for an interpretation more or less grand and epic, and probably inclining to the monumental and ponderous.

In his performance on Thursday with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, of which he is the principal guest conductor, Takuo Yuasa suggested an alternative approach. Here was a reading that was relatively lightweight and that inclined consistently towards the lyrical. All three of the fast movements were streamlined, with dynamic contrasts minimised and the tension of dramatic conflict yielding to song-like phrasing.

Most remarkable of all was the scherzo, which emerged as a fast waltz: not such an eccentric reading when one notices the triplet figurations in the melodic lines and the dance-like accompaniments.

If there was a down side to Yuasa's performance it was in the breathlessness it induced: one never had the chance to savour a phrase before being whisked on to the next. And for all the charm and freshness of the reading, one ended up feeling shortchanged, rather as if one had enjoyed a superb hors d'oeuvre and dessert while being denied the main course.

David Owen Norris is probably better known to many people as the presenter of the irreverent Radio 3 programme *The Works* than as a pianist. Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto (otherwise known as the Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and String Orchestra) provided Norris with the perfect opportunity to combine his talents as keyboard executant and wit. The good humour of the concerto is, for once with Shostakovich, unambiguous, and Norris, complemented by the nimble trumpet playing of Nigel Boddice and equally responsive conducting of Yuasa, missed not a single trick.

The BBC Scottish, in excellent form throughout the evening, was earlier put through its paces by Yuasa in a sparkling performance of Berlioz's overture, *Beatrice and Benedict*.

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Reluctant to finger her mistress's husband, she cannot resist letting slip that something nasty happened to her in the library, and soon the women of the house are comically alerted — at least, it may have been comical in 1911 — to the presence of a devil in their midst.

Josepha continues to feel that Panmure's reputation, like chutney, must be preserved, which therefore throws suspicion on the four male guests: a stiff MP, his supercilious secretary, a silly ass, and Mrs Panmure's uncle, cryptically described by my 1911 predecessor as "an old muff". But Pinero, author of this piece, is determined on a policy of having his cake and eating it. Mrs P turns out to be an old softy and nobody needed to have felt any panic at all. End of play.

Something is to be said for the idea of following *The Silver King*, last year's melodrama by Sir Arthur Henry Jones, with a production from the same director (Peter Wood) of a play by his contemporary, Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. But *Preserving Mr Panmure* is watery stuff. Wood has also twisted and turned the thing like dough, bringing later scenes forward and continuing alterations up to the last minute, if one can judge by the presence in the cast list of a vicar who no longer figures in the play.

A kiss on the mouth may be quite detrimental, and only a modest effort of will is required to imagine oneself back 80 years and feel the crisis from Josepha's point of view. But some coherence of behaviour is then required of the character. Abigail McKern is expected to weep one moment, and at the next dart in and out of the bathroom, mysteriously adjacent to the library, wearing provocative underclothes. Now virgin, now minx, her motives become unfathomable.

This brings up the matter of Pinero's dialogue. "The affair shall be fathomed," has a fine roll to it, and a period oddity attaches to the ingénue's remark, "I nauseate snowmen," as if they all turn away in repugnance at her approach. But much of the dialogue is neither witty nor comically in character. And Panmure's final exposure, presumably brought about by the prying footman seen silhouetted behind every glass door, is so mishandled that what happens is incomprehensible.

Alec McCowen is wasted on the empty character of Panmure; Julia Foster flusters pleasantly as his wife. Rosemary Harris, a dowager in her bedroom, and Benjamin Whitrow with Neil Daglish skirmishing in the library, take the best of the chances going. The cast's tendency to boom suggests their uncertainty in the play's worth.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Mime is the word, or is it?

THEATRE

Hiroshima Mon Amour
Lyric, Hammersmith

MIME is the performance art that dare not speak its name. Except that it does, interminably. Those precious images of Marcel Marceau imitating lamposts are a thing of the past. Today so-called mime artists have discovered the spoken word. They offer revue sketches, monologues and voluble reminiscences. The label "mime" is, one suspects, a safety net for material too flimsy to stand up in a conventional theatrical format.

Peta Lily is a respected mime artist. A shrewd looking, perky Australian blonde, she now presents a triple bill of items from her repertoire, all of which include speech. What her mimetic gifts may be is unclear; but as a judge of words she should stick to gestures.

She begins with a chatty presentation of slides. In "Dogs I Have Been" she shows us photos of fox terriers, a Chihuahua, a dachshund and her boyfriend Graham. The style flounders into pseudo-poetry as she recalls how "my flesh cracked into whip-sharp welts at his burning yelps" (referring to a dog, not Graham). The 15-minute picture show is interesting chiefly for her pronunciation of that useful piece of seating as a "pouff-ay".

She changes her dog-patterned skirt (painted by Roddy Maud-Roxby, who as a member of the original cast of *One Way Pendulum* could tell her a thing or two about surreal humour) for a black exercise outfit and a largely baffling routine with a broom to signify housework. She marches, bends and presents arms at odd angles before speech comes to the rescue. Representational mime is one thing; when the subject is not only invisible but stylised, bewilderment sets in.

The third item is the longest. The actress appears as a grotesque caricature of Edith Piaf, make-up slapped on thickly, even the cleavage pencilled in. This is Muriel, an Australian performer on a world tour and her last legs, devoted to the memory of "the little sparrow".

Mouth gormlessly hanging open, tongue flicking out, eyes rolling, she totters and grimaces through the sort of material that Edna Everage does much better. When not heaving up her sagging bosom, accosting the audience and commenting on the original songs belted out on tape, the character hints at something deeper and more disturbing.

References to leukaemia, to Germany no longer existing, to having been too late to see Paris, lead, as in Graham Greene's *A Discovery in the Woods*, to the realisation that we are in some future post-disaster world. The message is a long time coming. Meanwhile the performance is amateurish and the material, directed and devised in collaboration with Rex Doyle, wretchedly thin.

MARTIN HOYLE

Grotesque caricature: Peta Lily as Edith Piaf

Venality unbared

THEATRE

The Thrie Estaites
Assembly Hall, Edinburgh

IF THERE is such a thing as a Scottish national play, Sir Robert Lyndsay's morality is surely it. What other work more robustly embodies the austere virtues of Kirk, clan, and commonwealth as they evolved in the centuries after the play's appearance in 1540? No wonder the piece gets trundled out at times of pomp or, as now, times of panic. So *Peter Pan*, designed to be the main home-grown production of this Edinburgh Festival, is cancelled at the last moment? Fine, bring on *The Thrie Estaites*.

Tom Fleming's production opens lavishly, with the lords spiritual, lords temporal and the burgesses parading to a dais from which they watch the arrival of King Humanitie, resplendent in his golden cloak. But the poor are there too, festering in grey-green rags below the stage. With David Kincaid's burly Diligence orchestrating the proceedings, it rapidly becomes clear that Lyndsay has two aims. One is to demand justice for the deprived. The other is to attack their oppressors, prime among them being what he sees as a venal Church.

Luther is the unseen hero. Flatterie describes him as "that false loon", and disguises himself as a "perfit public pardoner admittit by the Pape", a friar who takes groats from poor men and in return gives them muttonbone relics to kiss. But it is the Church potentates who mainly trouble Lyndsay.

They murmur approval when the courtly spiv Wantonness brings Dame Sensualitie and her attendant crumpet to frolic with Stuart McQuarrie's Humanitie (a gullible drip) beneath the royal duvet. And when David Rintoul's grim Divine Correction sends these ladies packing, where do they find sanctuary? Why, with the bishops, abbots and a prioress who wears scarlet beneath her black and has her heart set on the sweet life in France.

Fleming overdoes things a bit by slyly transforming his churchmen into a 16th-century soccer crowd, who swig from communion cups as from beercans and launch into a cheering Mexican wave when a Bible comes to grief. Yet the play itself is not without fun. Lyndsay was no dour Calvinist, and undercut his own crusading fury by so patently relishing the guile and zest of his Vices. That contradiction is not lost on Fleming's cast, particularly Andrew Dallmeyer's smirking Flatterie and Caroline Kaart's Sensualitie, a slatternly diva with a high C as ample as her bosom.

Yet, as always, Lindsay's radicalism is the surprise. His test of a good king is not just that he possesses the strength to resist corruption. He must also have the wisdom to give a voice and influence to men such as John the Commonweal who, in Alexander Morton's performance, is a blunt shop-steward, as sure of his rights as any of his Clydeside descendants. His reward here is a smart new robe and a place in parliament. It was to take him four more centuries to get much further than that.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Tentative among the dolls

DANCE

Coppélia
Festival Hall

AS ENGLISH National Ballet's London season draws to an end, *Coppélia* has been filling the Festival Hall in a way that none of the earlier programmes did. For the ordinary punter who buys a ticket and sees the production for the first time, the impression must be the total effect of a simple but amusing story, a melodious score and lively dancing.

Only those of us who, from choice or duty, go back for repeated visits, are likely to experience an underlying sense of a company still in transition. The acting tends to be either exaggerated or undertone, and there is a tentativeness about much of the corps de ballet dancing. Could this be why the celebrated Dance of the Hours, a particularly attractive but quite demanding number for the ensemble, has been omitted from this year's revival?

All the zest of the czardas and mazurka in Act I and the vigour of the men's display numbers in Act III are needed to stir up enthusiasm; that, and the dancing of the principals which, as always, varies from one cast to another.

Yelena Pankova's eagerly awaited Swanilda on Thursday was danced with her usual meticulous skill and a bright, glossy finish. There is scope, however, for making the movement more expressive before this becomes a characterisation to match her Gulnare in *The Corsair* or her Aurora in *The Sleeping Beauty*.

Some unusually fancy hand gestures in the opening scene suggested a possible line of development but were not followed up, and the Spanish and Scottish solos in her doll disguise were given little differentiation.

Rapport with her Franz, young Jose Manuel Carreno, seemed understandably at surface level: a matter of vivacious exchanges more than any sense of affection. He acted and danced with brash enthusiasm and a winning smile, if not as yet much subtlety of characterisation.

Koen Onzia at an earlier performance showed how much more can be made of that role with experience. He had the advantage of playing opposite Kevin Richmond's clear and intelligent portrayal of the role of Dr Coppelius.

With these two, Angela de Mello danced Swanilda, a bigger role than anything she has done before. She gave a confident, capable performance, but it would be good to see a little more variety of phrasing and individuality of interpretation.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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Is the Edinburgh Fringe too silly? asks Geordie Greig in The Sunday Times tomorrow

BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Third World Studies — Migration **7.05** Maths: Heads and Tails

7.30 Pinocchio. Cartoon adventures of the wooden boy puppet **7.50 Kissyfur.** *Stuck with Stucky* and *Flipzilla* — a double bill of animated adventures with the cute bear (r)

8.15 The 8.15 From Manchester. Charlotte Hindle joins the Scouts and Guides at an international jamboree, with youngsters coming from as far afield as Iceland, the United States and Israel. In the studio, Ross King and Dianne Oxberry offer advice on looking after puppies and kittens while the owners are away on holiday. Music comes from soul artist Omar **11.00 Prospecting Bear.** Cartoon fun with Barney Bear (r)

11.10 Film: Tail of a Tiger (1984). Children's adventure about a boy who *is obsessed with vintage aeroplanes* and spends the summer restoring a Tiger Moth. Starring Grant Navin, Gordon Poole and Caz Lederman, directed by Rolfe de Heer **12.27 Weather**

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** and **1.15** Hockey: live coverage of the game at Prescot Leisure Centre, Merseyside, between Great Britain and Pakistan, the current Asian Games champions. The commentators are Barry Davies and Ian Taylor; **1.10 News; 1.55, 2.30** and **3.05** Racing from Newbury; **2.05** Motor Racing: round nine of the Esso British touring car championship from Oulton Park, with commentary by Murray Walker; **2.40** and **3.15** Golf: third round action in the NM English open from the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield. The commentating team is Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Clive Clark, Alex Hay and Mike Hughesdon; **4.35** Final Score

5.05 News and weather

5.15 Regional News and sport

5.20 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson looks at the wicked world of cartoons

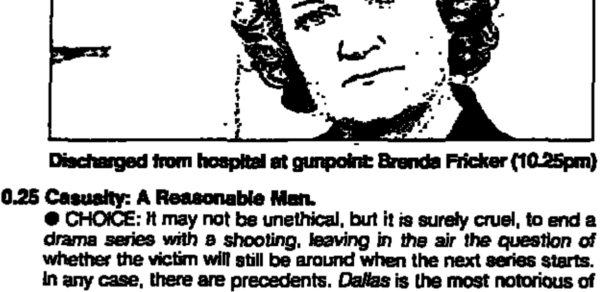
5.45 The Flying Doctors: Cadenza. The Junior Strings of Melbourne are brought into play at a musical soirée in Coopers Crossing, and the Aussie aerial medics have to perform delicate surgery when one of the young violinists crushes his hand. (Ceefax)

6.30 Roy's Raiders. Lightweight comedy series about a firm of motorcycle couriers. Bazza and Henry square up a loss, Jill sets out to achieve a life-long ambition and Daisy loses a square. Starring the ever-reliable James Grout and Pat Coombs. (Ceefax)

7.00 Columbo: Double Shock. An ageing physical fitness buff is found dead shortly before his wedding, supposedly from a heart attack — but the detective in the grubby gabardine (Peter Falk) has other ideas. The guest star is Martin Landau (r). (Ceefax)

8.10 Film: A Chorus Line (1985). Richard Attenborough's lavish, toe-tapping screen adaptation of the Broadway musical about a group of stage-struck hopefuls auditioning for a show being cast by a hard-but-fair choreographer (Michael Douglas). The memorable Marvin Hamlisch songbook includes "One Singular Sensation" and "What I Did for Love". With Audrey Landers, Vicki Frederick, Yamil Borges and Janet Jones. (Ceefax)

10.05 News with John Humphrys (Ceefax) Sport and weather



Discharged from hospital at gunpoint: Brenda Fricker (10.25pm)

10.25 Casualty: A Reasonable Man.

● CHOICE: It may not be unethical, but it is surely cruel, to end a *drama series with a shooting, leaving in the air the question of* whether the victim will still be around when the next series starts. In any case, there are precedents. *Dallas* is the most notorious of them, though it was the old Saturday morning cinema serials, with the cliff-hanging fade-out, that set the wheels in motion. *Casualty* ended its last series with that nice Charlie Fairhead (Derek Thompson) stopping a bullet, and he does it all over again tonight, in this repeated episode. The Holby Hospital regulars return in *three weeks' time. It is an open secret that Charlie returns with* them, that Brenda Fricker's Megan does not (universal shouts of "Shame!"), and that some new faces will be on parade. (Ceefax)

11.15 Film: The Terminator (1984). The sequel — reported to be the most expensive film ever made — was released in this country yesterday, but meanwhile, here is a not-to-be-missed chance to see the original film which made a star out of Arnold Schwarzenegger. He plays a sophisticated android who is sent back from the future to destroy a woman who holds the key to the survival of the human race. With Linda Hamilton and Michael Biehn, directed by James Cameron. (Ceefax) **1.00am Weather**

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — Group Theory **7.15** The Hydraulic Ram **7.40** Form and Function of Fossils **8.05** Engineering Mechanics: Vibrations **8.30** The Shape of Cars to Come **8.55** Putting IT in its Place **9.20** Managing in Organisations **9.45** Special Education in Norway **10.10** Images: Viewing With Electrons **10.35** Namibia: Territory Without a State **11.00** Managing Change at Jaguar **11.25** Donegal: Tradition and Change **11.50** Education: *Time to Learn* **12.15** King Lear Workshop **12.40** Mantegna: The Triumphs of Caesar **1.05** Managing in the Community **1.30** Museum of Modern Art, New York **1.55** Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 **2.20** Biological Control

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 59 of the vivid 93-part Indian epic

3.25 The Field. As agriculture has spread and agricultural methods have changed, many creatures have found that their habitat has also changed. David Attenborough looks at the animals that have adapted well to these alterations (r)

4.10 Film: The Towering Inferno (1974). Steve McQueen, Paul Newman and William Holden head a host of Hollywood stars in one of the most spectacular of the Seventies disaster movies complete with stunning pyrotechnics. Celebrities flock to a party marking the opening of San Francisco's 138-storey Glass Tower, the tallest *building in the world.* But in true disaster movie *style, danger is* lurking — the party is being held before all the safety checks have been completed and the wiring that was installed is inferior. As the celebrities and dignitaries drink and enjoy themselves, they little realise a night of terror awaits them. Directed by John Guillermin

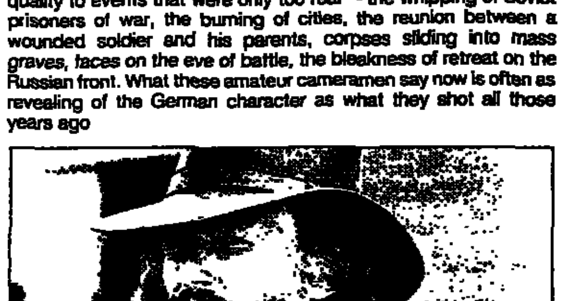
6.50 The Shadow. The series comparing work experience in the European Community follows two industrial designers. Sean Blair from Newcastle shadows Ruth Soenins, a designer with the electronics giant Siemens, based in Munich. (Ceefax)

7.20 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather

7.35 The Denis Mitchell Season: Soho Story (b/w). Continuing the season of films by the late Denis Mitchell, one of the pioneers of the modern documentary. Tonight's tribute starts with one of Mitchell's first films (made in 1959 in black and white), a tour around Fifties Soho in the company of a busker called Max. Followed by **Quentin Crisp.** Made for Granada in 1970, this is a personal portrait of the "self-made work of art" before he became world famous. This was Mitchell's first film in colour and takes the form of a continuous interview, shot on location in Crisp's tiny flat

8.35 My Private War.

● CHOICE: The professional newsreels, on which we rely for visual documentation of the second world war, were edited versions of reality. There was evidence in them to support the argument that truth is the first casualty of war. This is a compilation of 8mm films, in black and white and colour, and all shot by German soldiers only one of whom really understood what an observant eye and a steady hand could achieve. The films are silent and unedited, and it is this very silence and spontaneity that imparts a dream-like quality to events that were only too real — the whipping of Soviet prisoners of war, the burning of cities, the reunion between a wounded soldier and his parents, corpses sliding into mass *graves, faces on the eve of battle,* the bleakness of retreat on the Russian front. What these amateur cameramen say now is often as revealing of the German character as what they shot all those years ago



Marshalling an epic western role: Kris Kristofferson (10.05pm)

10.05 Film: Heaven's Gate (1980).

● CHOICE: The best western ever made? The most boring? The longest? The most costly? The supreme example of the folly of squeezing a big-screen movie on to a television screen? Michael Cimino's epic of a range war in the old west is certainly the longest *(215 minutes), costliest (more than $35 million) western in history.* Equally certain is that we get only a partial view of it on our domestic glass-fronted box. As to the actual *quality* of the film, the debate has been going on for ten years, can never satisfactorily be resolved, and can only be given fresh impetus by tonight's screening because it restores the 60 minutes or so of cuts that were made after *Heaven's Gate's* unhappy unveiling in New York. Repeated viewings of the film consolidate first opinions that the camera-work and sets are breathtaking, but the principal players Kris Kristofferson (lawman) and Christopher Walken (gunman) are not. Ends at **1.40am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Children's ITV: Ghost Train. Chills, thrills, fun and excitement with Frances Dodge, Sabra Williams and Nobby the Sheep, with music from PM Dawn, Sonia and Paula Abdul

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Amii Stewart

12.30 Superman. The first of a new series of animated adventures of the famous superhero

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather

1.10 Saint & Greavsie. The first of a new season of the football magazine show. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves reflect on what has been happening on the football scene during the summer and look forward to the coming months and the European championships, due to take place next summer in Sweden

1.55 International Yacht Racing. Gareth Evans and Penny Silvester introduce the news and action from Cowes and the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup

2.25 Film: The Pride Of The Yankees (1942, b/w). Solid biopic of baseball legend Lou Gehrig (Gary Cooper) who, at the height of his career playing for the New York Yankees, developed a form of infantile paralysis. With Teresa Wright and Walter Brennan. Directed by Sam Wood

4.45 Results Service presented by Bob Hall

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather

5.15 Bugs Bunny's Special. Cartoon characters compete for the Sportsman of the Year award

5.40 Film: Thunder Boat Row (1988) starring Chad Everett, Ben Bishop, Nick Corrie and Rob Estes. Five law enforcement agencies combine to form the River Intelligence Force, set up to crush a drug smuggling ring operating in Florida. Average action film made as a pilot for yet another predictable series, this time substituting state-of-the-art speedboats for run-of-the-mill sports cars. Directed by Thomas Wright

7.30 The Two of Us: The Quest. Amiable comedy with Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley. Inspired by a game of dungeons and dragons, Ashley and Elaine set off on a quest for buried treasure (r). Oracle

Take the money and run: Tyne Daly, Richard Crenna (8.00pm)

8.00 Film: Stuck With Each Other (1989). Comedy thriller starring *Cagney and Lacey* star Tyne Daly and Richard Crenna. Sylvia and Bert work for a small New York jewellery company. When the owner dies of a heart attack, they are left holding a safe full of laundered cash and agree to split the money and live happily (and separately) ever after. But they need to wait three days until the banks open — and anything can happen in three days. Directed by Georg Stanford Brown

9.55 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather **10.15 LWT Weather**

10.20 Richard Digance. Cockney entertainer Richard Digance casts his eye over the world. His guests include guitarist Brian May, from rock group Queen, and farmyard impressionist Chris Peach

10.50 Film: Hands Of A Murderer (1990). A stylish Sherlock Holmes mystery, with a sharp script and Holmes interpreted by Edward Woodward. The devilish Professor Moriarty (Anthony Andrews) seems to have reached the end of the line as he stands on the gallows, but yet again he manages to evade justice. With John Hillerman, and Kim Thomson. Directed by Stuart Orme

12.35am Bhangra Beat: Monica Takier and Moey Hassan introduce Apache Indian playing his latest single "Chakk Tay". Plus sets from Anaamika, Safri and Alapp

1.05 Film: Electra One (1966). Comedy thriller set in Paris and Hamburg, starring *George Martin, Vivi Bach and Daniel Vargas.* A US missile base is invaded by a terrorist organisation which hopes to increase tension between the Americans and Russians. Directed by Alfonso Balcazar

2.40 Night Heat: Moonlight. Big-city detective series. Stevie is sent undercover to investigate a gang that runs a truck hijacking operation

3.40 Wrestling

4.45 The Hit Man and Her. With Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan

5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons **7.00 Crosstalk.** Debates led by children **7.30 High 5.** Unusual sporting action **8.00 Trans World Sport.** International sporting news and features

9.00 News summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line**

9.30 A Century of Childhood: Growing Up. The final programme in *the series which examines the changing* experience of childhood looks at how relationships between boys and girls have changed (r). With signing and subtitles

10.00 Check Out 91. Consumer issues (r). (Teletext)

10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Classic western series

11.30 Australian Rules Football. West Coast Eagles v Hawthorn

12.30 The Munsters (b/w). Classic comedy about a ghoulish family. Starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne de Carlo (r)

1.00 Film: If You Could Only Cook (1936, b/w). *Madcap farce* starring Jean Arthur as a cook who falls in love with a butler who agrees to marry a socialite. With Herbert Marshall and Leo Carillo. Directed by William Seiter

2.20 Film: The Whole Town's Talking (1935, b/w). Engaging comedy-thriller (making the afternoon's movies a Jean Arthur double-bill) about a shy hardware shop assistant who is mistaken for his gangster *double and drawn* into a life of crime. With Edward G. Robinson and Arthur Hohl. Directed by John Ford

4.10 Fish People. A documentary exploration of the reasons five million people in Britain keep fish (r)

5.10 Brookside Omnibus. Merseyside melodrama (r). (Teletext)

6.30 The Big 8. The first of six programmes following a knockout wheelchair basketball tournament from Sheffield, with the top eight teams competing to find Britain's best players. In the first game, old rivals *Milton Keynes Aces take on* the LGS Jets. (Teletext)

7.00 The World This Week. With a look at Turkey's plans in northern Iraq; a report on the North American Free Trade area; and the problems of immigration from eastern to western Europe. Including **News** headlines and weather

Feeding hand to mouth: the New Zealand takahe bird (8.00pm)

8.00 Kingdoms Of The East: Mountains of Water.

● CHOICE: Cindy Buxton's and Colin Willock's film is a thoroughbred from the *Survival Special* stable. Oddly enough, the *least memorable thing about it is something it makes quite a fuss* about — that with a guaranteed 200 rainy days a year, Fiordland, an area of mountain peaks, valleys and fiords in the southwest corner of New Zealand's south island, is one of the wettest places on earth, so that the sound engineers working for television companies like Anglia who have made this films about Fiordland, don't need to worry about rain effects. *Mountains of Water* includes some fine shots of mountain parrots, falcons, crested penguins and — of course — water. But best of all are the sequences about the glow-worms that spin deadly crystal necklaces to lure their prey, and the conservationists who are helping to save the flightless takahe bird from extinction by using arm gloves and artificial mothers. (Teletext)

9.00 Film: Lacombe Lucien (1975). Malle's masterful study of collaboration in occupied France during the second world war, which focuses on a young peasant who is drawn into working with the Gestapo. With English subtitles. Starring Pierre Blaise, Aurore Clement and Holger Lowenadler

11.40 As It Happens. Pete McCarthy mixes his toes with those of the toffs and the hoi polloi in the waters of the Mediterranean at Palma de Mallorca

1.10am Manhattan Cable. Laurie Pike and Bill Judkins present another repeated edition of the zany cult show which goes into the *often outrageous and always incredibly wacky world of the Big* Apple's cable television service. In tonight's programme, there is a visit to the retreat where post-plastic surgery patients can lose their bruises in private, a chance to meet a 21-stone drag queen Madonna fan and the New York taxi drivers who talk frankly about who, and what, they have had in the back of their cabs (r)

1.55 The Oprah Winfrey Show: True Romance. Keep the tissues at the ready for some true-life stories of real romance. Oprah's guests include an English aristocrat who rebelled against his family to marry a working class girl, and a woman who was taken for a cruise on the QE2 on a first date (r). Ends at **2.40**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 Cartoon 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 Sha Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Bearcats 5.00 240 Robert 6.00 *Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams* Family 7.00 T.J. Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 10.00 All American Wrestling 11.00 Freddy's Nightmares 12.00 The Last Laugh 12.30am Film: Ants 2.30 Pages from Skytext

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● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour

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SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 *Entertainment Tonight*

8.00 Tarka the Otter (1979): An otter's adventures along the riverbanks of England

10.00 License to Drive (1988): A teenager fails his driving test and borrows his father's vintage car for a dream date. Starring Corey Haim

12.00 Mystery Mansion (1983): The descendants of a pioneer family, murdered by bank robbers, search for the hidden booty

2.00pm Catch Me If You Can (1989): A drag-racer risks his life in order to raise money to save a local high school

4.00 Club Med (1986): The amorous adventures of five holidaymakers

5.40 Entertainment Tonight

6.00 Rockula (1990): A teenage vampire struggles to lose his virginity. Starring Dean Cameron

8.00 Dream a Little Dream (1989): An elderly man and woman recapture their youth when they swap brains with two teenagers. Starring Corey Feldman

10.00 Shocker (1989): A teenage boy with psychic abilities helps the police to track down a serial killer. Starring Michael Murphy

11.55 Eleven Days, Eleven Nights, Part Two (1988): A young woman goes undercover to research a book on prostitution

1.40am Jack's Back (1988): A doctor tracks down a modern-day Jack the Ripper to clear his name. Starring James Spader

4.00 Warlock (1989) Fantasy-adventure starring Julian Sands as a warlock who travels the centuries. Ends at 5.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Man of a Thousand Faces (1957): Screen biopic of the silent screen star Lon Chaney. Starring James Cagney

8.15 Last of the Curlews: Cartoon

9.15 Davy Crockett on the Mississippi: Animated adventure about the king of the wild frontier

10.05 The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935, b/w): Three Bengal Lancers in colonial India join forces to curb a native uprising

12.00 World Entertainment News

1.00pm Along Came Jones (1945): Two cowboys enjoy fame when they are mistaken for gunmen. Starring Gary Cooper

2.30 Islands in the Stream (1976): A famous sculptor is forced to re-examine his life when visited by his three sons. Starring George C. Scott

4.15 Scooby Doo and the Ghoul School: Animated adventure

6.15 The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking (1988): Film version of the Swedish children's books. Starring Tami Erin

8.15 Shadowmakers (1989): Drama about the development of the first atomic bomb. Starring Paul Newman

10.20 Spotlight

10.45 *Drugstore Cowboy* (1989): Drama about a family of junkies. Starring Matt Dillon

12.30am Fort Apache, The Bronx (1981): A New York cop fights a barrage of non-stop crime. Starring Paul Newman

2.40 American Gothic (1987): Three couples are forced to land on an island inhabited by a murderous family of degenerates. Starring Rod Steiger

4.10 Memories of Me (1988): A heart *surgeon cheats death and decides to patch* things up with his father before it is too late. Starring Billy Crystal. Ends at 5.50

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. *7.30am Wimbledon Tennis Finals — Doubles* 9.30 Sky Soccer Weekend 10.30 Primetime Wrestling 12.00 Australian Rugby League 2.00pm Tuff Trax 3.00 American Sports Cavalcade 4.00 Motor World 4.30 Equestrianism 5.30 Kick-Boxing 6.30 Motorcycling Grand Prix of San Marino — Preview 7.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 8.00 Classic Cup Finals 10.00 Ringside 12.00 Motorcycling Grand Prix of San Marino 12.30am Classic Cup Final

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.

8.00am Motorsport 9.00 Live Cycling World Championships 11.00 Tennis WTA Magazine 11.30 Ice Hockey: Sweden v CSFR 1.30pm Cycling Word Championships and Golf English Open 6.30 International Motorsport 7.30 Sailing Admiral's Cup 8.00 Ice Hockey: USA v Finland 10.00 Cycling: World Championships from Stuttgart; Tour of The Netherlands 11.00 Boxing World Championship: Feather and Cruiserweight

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 7.00am Inside Track 8.00 Windsurfing 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 Tennis from Germany 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 11.00 Motor Sport from Germany 12.00 Wrestling 1.00pm Argentine Soccer 2.00 Best of Pro Box 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 European White Water Rafting Championships 5.30 Powerboats World Championships 6.00 US Open Frisbee Championships 7.00 International Athletics 9.00 Weekend Live US PGA Golf Tour 11.00 International Speedway 12.00 Fight Night at the Forum 1.30am Argentine Soccer 2.30 Tennis from Germany 3.30 NBA Basketball 4.30 US Pro Box 6.00 World Professional Billiards Championships

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.

12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 Three For the Road 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Search For Tomorrow 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste, live from Bournemouth as part of Radio Goes to Town 2.00 S-S-Studio: Nicky Horne examines the history of Trident Studio, Soho, London, 1968-1981 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freeman 10.00 In Concert Ten Thousand Maniacs, recorded at Sadler's Wells Theatre in July 1988 (r) 11.00 John Peel 2.00-4.00am Tim Smith (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Sarah Kennedy 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Bob Holness Requests the Pleasure . (r) 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 Kenny Ball Bandshow 4.30 Barbershop Style: Graham Knight on the history of barbershop singing 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Movie Quiz 6.00 Bob Sinfield: Songs for Swinging Showbiz Stars. Bob Sinfield presents songs about the famous and the infamous 7.00 The A B Seaside Quiz from Exmouth 7.30 The Pasadena Roof Orchestra in Concert at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties (r) 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 On Your Marks, incl at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.00 Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall. Phone-in quiz. Tel: 0345 909693 1.30 Sport on 5, with John Inverdale. Football: Opening day of the new Barclays League season; Golf: NM English Open from the Belfry; Racing from Newbury: (2.00) St Hugh's Stakes; (2.35) Eurolink Handicap; (3.10) Geoffrey Freer Stakes; plus cricket scores and motorcycling news 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Box 13: Vintage radio drama starring Alan Ladd as mystery writer Dan Holiday in search of adventure 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sports Bulletin 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (r) 12.00-12.15am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 A Mystical Music 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Letterbox 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter from America 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Write On . 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Letterbox 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 World News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Short Story: Some Enchanted Evening 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.30 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.01 Play of the Week: Night and Day 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Falling in Love 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and Features in German

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Animated Shorts 1.55 Aerobics 2.25-4.45 Film: Woman of Straw 10.50 Bobby Robson PSV 11.50 Operation Daybreak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 The Midem Jazz Fusion Concert 5.00-5.30 Little Duck Blue Feather

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 CU4 1.55 Crown Green Bowling 2.45 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.10 Katts and Dogs 3.40-4.45 Crown Green Bowling 12.35 Kojak 1.30 The Twilight Zone 1.50 The Beatmasters 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Champions 1.55 World Sport Special 2.25-4.45 Film: The 7th Dawn 12.35 Film: The Heist 2.50 CinemAttractions 3.20 America's Top Ten 3.50 Film: The Embezzler 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crown Green Bowling 1.55 Crown Green Bowling 2.45 Hard Time on Planet Earth 3.40-4.45 Crown Green Bowling 5.15 Granada Goals Extra 5.30-5.40 Cartoon 8.00-9.55 Film: Peyton Place: The Next Generation 12.35 Kojak 1.30 The Twilight Zone 1.50 The *Beatmasters 2.00 The Hit Man and Her* 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Press Your Luck 1.55 Film: Above Us the Waves* 3.45-4.45 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 5.05 HTV West News 5.30-5.40 Cartoon Time

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 World Sport Special 5.05 HTV Wales News 5.20-5.40 Cartoon Time

SCOTTISH

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Climb to *Kilimanjaro 1.55 The Spectacular World of* Guinness Records 2.25 The Munsters Today 2.55-4.45 Film: The 300 Spartans 10.50 Baker and Maguire at the Festival 11.50 *Hands of a Murderer* 1.35 Film: Borsalino & Co 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05-5.30 Film: Hidden Homicide

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The *South West Week 2.25 Mountain Bike* Championship 3.25-4.45 Film: Suspended Alibi* (Patrick Holt, Honor Blackman) 12.35am Kojak 1.30 The Twilight Zone 1.50 The Beatmasters 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Blockbusters 2.25 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.20-4.45 Film: No Trace*

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.55 Horse Trials 2.55-4.45 Film: Jacqueline 12.35 Kojak 1.30 The Twilight Zone 1.50 The Beatmasters 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Intruders 1.55 Aerobics 2.25 Film: Queen of *the Pirates 3.45-4.45 Highway to Heaven* 12.35am Kojak 1.30 The Twilight Zone 1.50 The Beatmasters 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Katts and Dog 1.55 Film: Tex and the Lord of the Deep 3.20-4.45 Film: The Angel Who *Pawned Her Harp** 10.50 Your Match 11.50 Film: Operation Daybreak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Small Folk 5.15-5.30 Out of Limits

S4C

Starts: 6.00am comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk 7.30 High 5 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 *News 9.04 C4 Racing — The Morning Line* 9.30 Slot Sadwrn 11.30 Australian Rules Football '91 12.30 Sixthirtysomething 1.00 Athletics 2.00 Film: We Are Not Alone* 4.05 How Wonderful 5.10 Brookside 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 Newyddion 7.10 Gemau Heb Ffiniau 8.40 Film: the Belly of an Architect 10.55 Film: Zazie Dans le Metro 12.40 Frank's Place 1.10 Manhattan Cable *1.55 The Oprah Winfrey Show* 2.40 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 11.35am Rocky Hollow 11.40 Ducktales 12.05 The Minikins 12.35 Story-*book* International 12.55 Haydaze 1.25 CHIPS 2.15 News followed by The Disney Hour 3.10 Beyond 2000 4.00 Film: Grease 2 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Sniffles *the Mouse 6.20 Baywatch* 7.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Murphy's Australia 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Cassidy 11.15 The Ulster Hall Concerts ... 12.15 News 12.20 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.35pm News 1.40 Sports Stadium 5.10 Word of Audobon 6.00 Dramarama 6.30 Death Valley Days 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Wings Over The World 8.00 News 8.05 Happy Mondays 9.00 All THe Rivers Run II 9.55 Film: Lust for Life 12.05 Close

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55 Open University (FM only): Open Forum — News from the OU

6.55 Weather; News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Telemann (Overture in D, 1765: Musica Antiqua of Cologne under Reinhard Goebel, violin); Biber (Rosary Sonata No 14 in C, The Assumption of the Virgin: Tragicomedia, with John Holloway, violin, Davitt Moroney, organ): Handel (Concerto a due cori No 3 in F: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord)

8.30 News

8.35 Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka performs Tchaikovsky *(Francesca da Rimini, Op 32)*; Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 5 in G, Op 55: Peter Lawson)

9.30 Record Release: Stravinsky (Scènes de Ballet: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Bernard Haitink); Tartini (Violin Sonata in F, Op 1 No 12: Locatelli Trio); Schubert (Impromptus, *D 899*: Krystian Zimerman, piano); Bach (Cantata, Schleicht, spielende Wellen, BWV 206: Stuttgart Chamber Choir; Concerto Cologne under Frieder Bernius, with Ruth Ziesak, soprano, Michael Chance, alto, Christoph Prégardien, tenor, Peter Kooy, bass)

11.15 Chamber Music from Birmingham: Stephen Coombs and Christopher Scott, pianos, play Saint-Saëns (Variations on a theme of Beethoven, Op 35); Martinů (Three Czech Dances); Ravel (La Valse); *Brahms (Sonata in F minor,* Op 34b) (r)

12.50pm Table Talk: Leslie Forbes talks to chef Shaun Hill about why white truffles cost almost as much as heroin (r)

1.00 News

1.05 Montserrat Caballé: The fifth of nine opera recordings by the Spanish soprano. Ambrosian Opera Chorus under John McCarthy; Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, under Carlo Maria Giulini perform *Don Carlos*, Verdi's five-act opera. Sung in Italian. With Placido Domingo, tenor, as Don Carlos; Montserrat Caballé, soprano, as Elisabetta di Valois; Shirley Verrett, mezzo, as La Principessa d'Eboli; Ruggero Raimondi, bass, as Filippo II; and Sherrill Milnes, baritone, as Rodrigo, Marchese di Posa. **3.25** Stephen Jay-Taylor talks about Caballé and the role of Elisabetta. **3.30** Acts 4 and 5

5.00 Jazz Record Requests

5.45 Mozart on Record: Stephen Dodgson compares current and historic recordings of the Quintet for piano and wind, K 452 (r)

6.45 Bob van Asperen, harpsichord, plays Couperin (Prelude, *L'Art de toucher le clavecin*; Pièces de clavecin — Ordre No 5 Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 13); Bach (Partita for keyboard No 4 in D, BWV 828) (r)

7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Royal Scottish Orchestra under *Alexander Gibson performs* Martin Dalby (The Mary Bean — BBC commission, first performance); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor: Moura Lympany). **8.05** On the eve of her 75th birthday, Moura Lympany talks to Richard Baker. **8.25** *Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)*

9.45 Snapshots for Ever: The Widow of the Galleria Romi, 1948. Adrian Rifkin reflects on the fifth of six seminal photographs

10.00 Cleveland String Quartet: William Preucil and Peter Salaff, violins, James Dunn, viola, Paul Katz, cello, perform Dvořák (Quartet in F, Op 96, American); Schoenberg (Quartet No 4, Op 37)

10.55 Clarinet and Piano: Anthony Pike, clarinet, John Lenehan, piano, perform Stravinsky *(Three Pieces for clarinet solo)*; Debussy (Première Rhapsodie); Egon Wellesz (Two Pieces, Op 34); Françaix (Theme and Variations) (r)

11.25 Piano Duets: Matthew Stanley and Berendina Cook play Beethoven (Eight variations on a theme by Count Waldstein, WoO 67); Berg, arr Apostel (Variations on a theme from Lulu); Lennox Berkeley (Sonatina in E flat); Saint-Saëns (Wedding-Cake — Caprice-Waltz); Warlock (The Old Codger)

12.00 News

12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55, 8.55** Weather **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Sport on 4

9.30 Breakaway: Ken Bruce with holiday and travel news

10.00 News; Beachcomber . . . by the Way: Last in the series (s)

10.30 Families and How to Survive Them: Why Good Sex is Important. Last in the series (s) (r)

11.00 News; Talking Politics: The Party Machine. First of three programmes about the way that Britain's political parties are run. Vivian White goes behind the scenes at the party headquarters

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad

12.00 End of a Line: Longstone Lighthouse. In the first of four programmes, Paul Heiney visits Mac Macpherson and Gordon Meddicott, keepers at Longstone Lighthouse for the past 15 years (r)

12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Alan Coren, Richard Ingrams and guests on the week's events (s) (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 News

1.10 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk *chairs an investigation* into the moral questions behind the week's news (s) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Moral Maze: 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Michael Buerk with their views on the issues raised in *The Moral Maze*

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Whoresheugh, a comedy drama by David Bean. Chater (David Briesley) retreats to the Borders to find peace and tranquillity. Instead, he encounters dark forces lurking beneath the surface (s)

4.00 The Living World: Peter France tours Phil Drabble's 90-acre nature reserve on the Bagot Estate in Staffordshire

4.30 Science Now

5.00 Singular Scots (new series): Bill McCue, Opera Singer. Joanna Buchan visits five Scottish people who have excelled in their chosen field (s) (r)

5.25 *On the Hour: The news as it* happens, if it happens. A new type of current affairs programme . . . with a twist of comedy (s) (r) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up

6.25 With Great Pleasure: The feminist, novelist and playwright Fay Weldon introduces a selection of her literary favourites (s)

7.10 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare's subject is Jean Rook (r)

7.45 Classic Serial: The Sea Wolf

● CHOICE: You can practically taste the salt in this rousing tale by Jack London, dramatised in four parts by Ed Thomason. London had a huge success with *The Sea Wolf* (1904), set on a seal hunting schooner and written after he sailed to the Arctic in a sealing ship. Advance sales in America totalled 40,000 copies. The story concerns Wolf Larsen, skipper of the schooner Ghost, his motley crew and the literary critic forced to sail with him. Jack Klaff and Kerry Shale are the main characters and Elizabeth Parker's score perfectly catches the sombre mood (s)

8.45 *Kaleidoscope*: Richard Cork meets the painter Francis Bacon (s) (r)

9.15 Music in Mind (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 The Gardening Quiz (s) (r)

10.45 Upsetting the Applecart: The Finger of God. *John* Simpson, the BBC's foreign affairs editor, with the first in a series of four talks on the events of 1989 and 1990 (r)

11.00 The Tingle Factor: Robin Ray asks Jill Gomez about the moments in music which send a shiver down her spine (s) (r)

11.30 The Million Pound Radio Show (s)

12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University: Easter Worship — The Greek Liturgy **7.10** Earthquakes: Seismology at Work **7.35** Wings: Cracks in the Forging **8.00** Flying Birds: An Experimental Approach **8.25** Maths Modelling: Sandcastles. Ends at **8.50**

8.55 Playdays (r)

9.15 Summer Sunday. A service in Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens

10.00 Film: The Egg and I (1947, b/w). Bantamweight comedy about a newly-wed woman whose peace is shattered when her husband buys a chicken farm. Starring Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray and Richard Long, directed by Chester Erskine

11.45 Excitement in the Air. A behind-the-scenes look at the making of the new adventure film *The Rocketeer*

12.05 Sign Extra: Great Expectations — Follow My Leader. Dr Marie Stewart looks at the role of women in British business today. With sign language and subtitles **12.30 Country File** presented by John Craven

1.00 News followed by **Speaking Volumes.** P.D. James invites Frances Fyfield, Sheridan Morley and Jonathan Mantle to review the latest paperback releases, and Ted Allbeury to reveal the secrets of thriller writing **1.45 Tom and Jerry Double Bill** (r)

2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Dallas: Win Some, Lose Some. *Liz bargains with JR in an effort* to help Cliff — a big mistake if past *Dallas* history is anything to go by. (Ceefax)

3.45 Film: Assault on a Queen (1966). Ol' Blue Eyes cannot save this convoluted caper about an attempt to ransack the Queen Mary — the thieves threaten to sink the luxury liner with a U-boat unless they are allowed to board and plunder the ship. Starring Frank Sinatra, Tony Franciosa and Virna Lisi, directed by Jack Donohue. (Ceefax)

5.25 The Bear That Couldn't Sleep. Cartoon with Barney Bear (r)

5.35 Safari UK: The Living Isles — Out of the Flames. Julian Pettifer examines the wildlife of moors and heaths (r). (Ceefax)

6.15 Lifeline. Charity news presented by Cliff Michelmore and Lynette Lithgow. Plus an appeal by Craig Charles on behalf of the Community Development Foundation

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

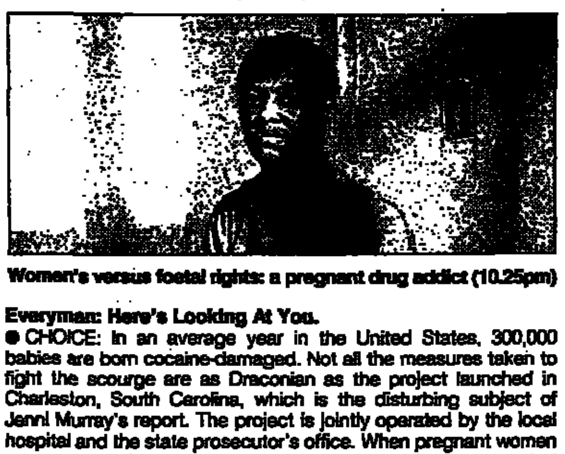
6.40 Songs of Praise from Dartmouth. (Ceefax)

7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bitter-sweet sitcom. The formica tables are turned when Ria (Wendy Craig) realises Ben (Geoffery Palmer) has the option of rekindling an old flame (r). (Ceefax)

7.45 Around the World in 80 Days. Michael Palin sails out of Shanghai on a ferry bound for Japan (r). (Ceefax)

8.35 Film: A Hazard of Hearts (1987). Glossy gothic drama, based on a Barbara Cartland Regency romance, about a beautiful maid whose future lies in the hands of an aristocrat with a bad reputation. Starring Diana Rigg, Edward Fox and Helena Bonham Carter, directed by John Hough. (Ceefax)

10.05 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) and weather



Women's versus foetal rights: a pregnant drug addict (10.25pm)

10.25 Everyman: Here's Looking At You.
● CHOICE: In an average year in the United States, 300,000 babies are born cocaine-damaged. Not all the measures taken to fight the scourge are as Draconian as the project launched in Charleston, South Carolina, which is the disturbing subject of Jenni Murray's report. The project is jointly operated by the local hospital and the state prosecutor's office. When pregnant women come to them for help, the drug addicts among them are weeded out. If they don't agree to undergo withdrawal treatment, they are clapped in jail and when they are taken to hospital for the birth, they are more often than not handcuffed to the bed. Not unnaturally, this is the aspect of the Charleston project (scornfully categorised as the ultimate baby-kissing campaign) that has done more than any other to inflame the women's rights lobby that challenges the foetal rights lobby. (Ceefax)

11.00 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. American comedy starring Blair Brown as a woman in a man's world

11.25 When in Germany: Dresden. Jeff Cook and Erika Neukirchen explore Dresden, the former capital of quality porcelain china production. Wales: Business Matters

11.55 *Mahabharat.* *Episode 59 (r) Wales: When in Germany* 12.25am News and weather **12.35am Weather**

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 **7.00** Energy From Waste **7.25** Introduction to Calculus: Vectors **7.50** Looking At Heat: Medical Uses **8.15** Origin of the Solar System: A Theory **8.40** Music: Formal Analysis **9.05** Computing: Data about Data **9.30** Silicate Structures **9.55** Organic Chemistry: It's Only Plastic **10.20** Designs For Living **10.45** Maths: Group Theory **11.10** So You Want to be a Better Manager? **11.35** From Snowdon to the Sea

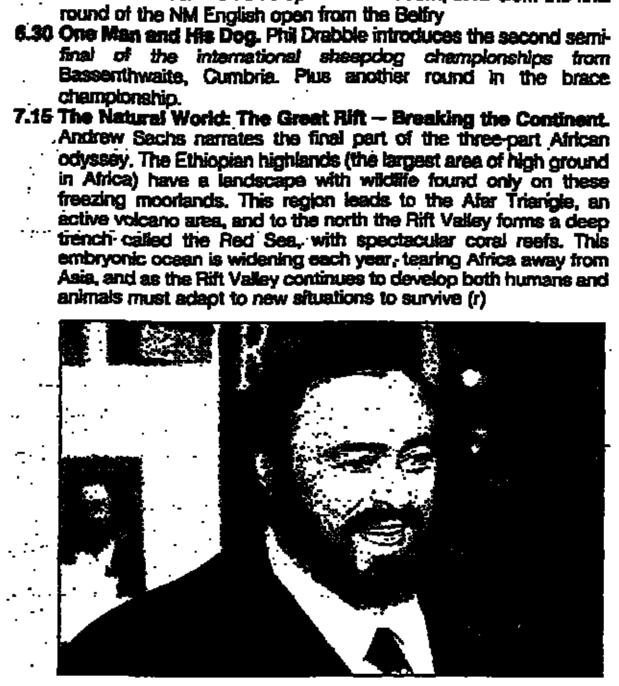
12.00 Eye Witness Memory. How psychologists are helping the police understand the way in which memory works, particularly in relation to witnesses' evidence and interview techniques **12.25 The Clinical Memory.** A look at the work of a clinical psychologist

12.50 Holiday Outings. Anne Gregg goes on a trip to Rajasthan in India and visits the cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur (r) **1.00 Modern Art.** An appreciation of Picasso's *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon*

1.25 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The provisional line-up is: **1.30, 2.50** and **5.30** Motorcycling: the ACU Shell Supercup British championship from Oulton Park; **2.00** Golf: the Weetabix British women's open from Woburn; **3.15** Golf: the final round of the NM English open from the Belfry

6.30 One Man and His Dog. Phil Drabble introduces the second semi-*final of the international sheepdog championships from* Bassenthwaite, Cumbria. Plus another round in the brace championship.

7.15 The Natural World: The Great Rift — Breaking the Continent. Andrew Sachs narrates the final part of the three-part African odyssey. The Ethiopian highlands (the largest area of high ground in Africa) have a landscape with wildlife found only on these freezing moorlands. This region leads to the Afar Triangle, an active volcano area, and to the north the Rift Valley forms a deep trench called the Red Sea, with spectacular coral reefs. This embryonic ocean is widening each year, tearing Africa away from Asia, and as the Rift Valley continues to develop both humans and animals must adapt to new situations to survive (r)



***A tidal wave of operatic ecstasy:* Luciano Pavarotti (8.10pm)**

8.10 Thirty Years of Pavarotti.
● CHOICE: This is the chance you have been waiting for: to listen to Pavarotti, seated, and without getting wet. This celebration we are involved in, or rather engulfed by, is a tidal wave of ecstasy flowing between stage and auditorium that must have seriously weakened the foundations of the Romolo Valli Opera House in Reggio Emilia one momentous night last April. It was in this same opera house, 30 years ago, that Pavarotti made his operatic début, as Rodolfo in *La Bohème*. Therefore, the emotional temperature at the Romolo Valli can be imagined when, as part of the gala concert we see tonight, he launches himself into "Che gelida manina". He shares the stage with eight other opera stars and a rousing chorus from *La traviata* with the whole audience ("Sing what you like! As long as it's on cue!"). He does not oblige with *Nessun dorma*

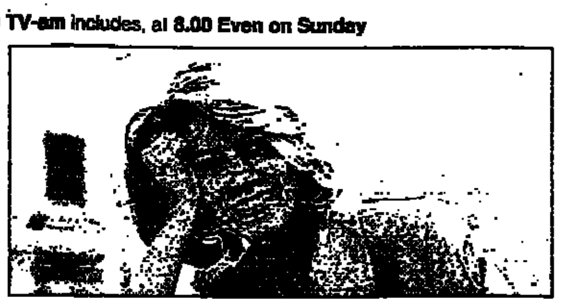
10.05 John Sessions' Tall Tales: Neighbours and Lovers. The improvising thespian takes off on another flight of fancy, this time linking D.H. Lawrence with the cast of *Neighbours* which could lead to some unexpected insights into the secret life of the Australian soap opera (r)

10.30 Film: Hell's Angels on Wheels (1967). A cult biker movie which featured Jack Nicholson two years before he shot to fame in *Easy Rider*. A petrol pump attendant joins a gang of Hell's Angels who roar into town spreading fear and tension. But he clashes with the gang leader and finds he has made a dangerous enemy. Directed by Richard Rush. (Ceefax)

12.05am Film: Rumble Fish (1983, b/w). Matt Dillon stars as a tough teenager, living in the shadow of his idolised elder brother, the Motorcycle Boy (Mickey Rourke). Francis Coppola directed this stylish look at teenage alienation and angst, based on a novel by S.E. Hinton. With *Diane Lane and Dennis Hopper. (Ceefax).* Ends at **1.45**

ITV

6.00 TV-am includes, at **8.00 Even on Sunday**



A breakfast menu of news and interviews: *Maya Even* (8.00am)

9.25 Film: King Thrushbeard (1986). A Czech-made fairytale based on a Brothers Grimm story about a beautiful but arrogant princess whose father, to teach her a lesson in humility, marries her off to a beggar. Starring Adriana Tarabkova and Gerhard Olschewski, directed by Miroslav Luther

10.45 Link. Actor Tim Barlow, who is deaf, talks about his life and career

11.00 Morning Worship *from St Edward the Confessor*, Keymer, Hassocks, East Sussex

12.00 An Invitation to Remember. Sir Brian Rix talks about his life and career

12.25 Way of the Lakes. Tony Warburton shows viewers the beauties of the Lake District National Park **12.55 LWT News** and weather

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

1.10 Breadline Britain. Housing conditions for the poor **1.40 Cartoon Time**

1.45 Film: The Prince and the Pauper (1962). Enjoyable Disney version of the Mark Twain story (previously filmed with Errol Flynn) about the beggar boy who swaps places with his double — Edward Tudor, future king of England. Starring Sean Scully, Jane Asher and Donald Houston. Directed by Don Chaffey

4.05 *Bobby Robson P.S.V.* Gerry Harrison follows Bobby Robson's return to club football — with PSV Eindhoven

5.05 The London Match. Highlights of two matches from the Barclays league, with commentary by Brian Moore and Alan Parry. Plus the goals from yesterday's first division matches

6.05 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **6.10 LWT News** and weather

6.15 Faith in the Future. This second programme in the series about religion in Britain examines the phenomenal growth of evangelical Christianity. (Oracle)

7.15 Watching. Paul Bown, Emma Wray and Liza Tarbuck star in a feeble sitcom about an on-off romance (r). (Oracle)

7.45 Great Expectations.
● CHOICE: You really must stop comparing Kevin Connor's six-hour television serial with David Lean's two-hour cinema film. It is not being fair to either. More important, it will interfere with your enjoyment of the serial. You *are* entitled, however, to compare HTV's current version of the Dickens novel with Robert Fryer's version, also made for television, in 1975. This expired in infancy *from anaemia, and would not have survived to childhood even if* the original plan to make a musical of it had been adhered to. HTV's *Great Expectations* is handsomely mounted, respectful of Dickens's text (screenplay by John Goldsmith), and at times brilliantly lit (the Satis House sequences). In the acting line, the undoubted successes are Jean Simmons's Miss Havisham, the late Ray McAnally's Mr Jaggers, John Rhys Davies's Joe Gargery (wrongly referred to once as Pip's father-in-law) and Owen Teale's Bentley Drummle. (Oracle)

8.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **9.00 LWT Weather**

9.05 The Man Who Lived at the Ritz. Concluding the mini-series about a would-be painter in Paris during the second world war, whose uncle leaves him the highly desirable bequest of a permanent suite at the Ritz Hotel. After his initial neutrality, Philip Weber discovers that there are causes worth dying for. Starring Perry King, Maryam D'Abo, Joss Ackland, Cherie Lunghi. (Oracle)

11.00 Sex Now: Same Sex, Better Sex? Yvonne Roberts looks at modern relationships and the sex diaries of anonymous contributors. Do gay men and women approach sex any differently from heterosexuals and are they any more successful in their relationships?

11.30 The River Thames. Gavin Weightman examines the history of London's water supply (r)

12.00 The ITV Chart Show (r) **1.00 New Music**

2.00 Hodson Confidential. Philip Hodson chairs a discussion on domestic violence

2.30 Police Precinct. Police drama series

3.30 Film: Crescendo (1969). Thriller starring Stefanie Powers as a young American music student who is writing a thesis on a dead composer. She is invited to the south of France by his widow and meets their wheelchair-bound son. Directed by Alan Gibson **5.10 *The Magic Wok.*** *Chinese culinary delights*

5.30 ITN *Morning* News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas.** Children's drama series **8.55 Kid 'N' Play.** The animated adventures of two characters from the film *House Party*.

9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. An Indian drama series set in the state of Mysore during the 18th century. In Hindi with English subtitles

10.00 Dispatches: Skeletons Have Names. Compelling and moving documentary which follows the progress of two Chilean sisters, who fled their country in 1974, on their quest to discover the truth about what happened to their brother who "disappeared" (r)

10.45 Dennis. Cartoon about a mischievous young tearaway

11.00 Owl TV. Michaela Strachan hosts the children's wildlife and environmental programme. Today's edition includes a report on the effect of tourism on Gibraltar's Barbary apes (r). (Teletext)

11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western **12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea**

2.00 Film: Bell, Book and Candle (1958). Enchanting comedy starring James Stewart as a publisher who falls in love with a witch (Kim Novak) after she casts a spell on him. The excellent supporting cast includes Jack Lemmon, Hermione Gingold and Elsa Lanchester. Directed by Richard Quine

3.55 Arabesk! Documentary exploring the popularity of Arabesk music *which has flourished in Turkey since the Sixties despite the* authorities banning its broadcast

4.55 News summary and weather **5.00 Family Pride.** Birmingham-set soap opera about three Asian families

5.30 Anyone for Polo? A look at the customs of two clubs, one patronised by the aristocracy, the other by the nouveau riche (r)

6.30 The Cosby Show. American sitcom

Exerting mind over matter: a woman fights off disease (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: The Healing Mind.
● CHOICE: There is at least one medical sociologist in the United States — and we hear from her in this documentary — who pours water on the fascinating theory it advances: that emotions could so strongly affect our body's immune system that we could fight off disease. Anecdotal reports aren't enough for her. Before she can accept "fairy tales", she must have data, solid information. *She is going to have a long time to wait, because though The Healing Mind* comes up with what looks like encouraging evidence, it concludes that there is still an awful lot to prove. Meanwhile, the worried layman can sustain himself with the hope that eventually, the medical world will officially declare that the more he laughs, the longer he might live, even with cancer. Obliquely, *The Healing Mind* also gives a measure of credibility to *2001: A Space Odyssey*. It believes the body's chemical response to excitement in the Space Age is little different to what it was in the Stone Age. (Teletext)

8.00 By Herself: Table for One. Third in the four-part drama series of self-contained stories, written and directed by Doris Chase, focusing on the older woman of today. Tonight's stars Geraldine Page as a single woman struggling to come to terms with her age and a world full of couples

8.30 Garret Fitzgerald: A Profile. Documentary profile of Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the Irish prime minister during the Eighties

9.30 Go Fishing: Denmark. Angler John Wilson goes fishing for roach, bream and rudd in Denmark's River Guden

10.00 Film: American Roulette (1988). Compelling thriller starring Andy Garcia as a South American poet and president-in-exile living in London where he is hunted by death squads and where he falls in love with a British sympathiser. Garcia, who won critical acclaim for his performance in *Internal Affairs*, gives a powerful and convincing performance as a man in danger trying to resolve the many conflicts in his personal and political life. With Kitty Aldridge, Robert Stephens and Alfredo Michelsen. Directed by Maurice Hatton (Teletext)

11.45 The Street. Police drama following the fortunes of four New Jersey officers

12.15am Fontamara. New four-part Italian drama series set in a poor *village during Mussolini's early years, starring Michele Placido and* Antonella Murgia. With English subtitles. Ends at **1.15**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.00 Journeys 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.10 Goals Galore 1.40 Asterix and Cleopatra 3.00 International Yacht Racing 3.30 Film: The Ship That Died of Shame 5.10-6.05 Hard Times on Planet Earth 11.30 Film: Plunge into Darkness 1.00 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight 1.30 CinemAttractions 2.00 Film: X312 — Flight into Hell 3.35 Vivid 4.05 America's Top Ten 4.35-5.30 The Human Face of Hong Kong

BORDER
As London except: 12.00 Crown Green Bowling 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Crown Green Bowling 2.00 Who's the Boss? 2.25 Perspectives 2.55 Great British Isles 3.25 Crown Green Bowling 4.40 Cartoon Time 5.00-6.05 Scotsport 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25 Alfred Hitchcock 12.55 Quiz Night 1.25 Bobby Robson PSV 2.25 Film: Figures in a Landscape 4.25 Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.00 Encounter 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Beyond 2000 1.40 International Sportsworld 2.35 Film: The Twelve Tasks of Asterix 4.05 Film: Passport to Treason *5.35-6.05* Wheel of Fortune 11.30 Film: For the Love of Ada 1.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 Film: The Blind Goddess 3.40 The ITV Chart Show 4.40-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 12.00 Crown Green Bowling 12.25pm-1.00 Young, Up Front 1.10 Crown Green Bowling 2.00 Santa Barbara 2.55 Candid Camera 3.25 Crown Green Bowling 4.40 Guinness Records 5.10-6.05 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30 Married With Children 12.55 Quiz Night 1.25 Bobby Robson PSV 2.25 Film: Figures in a Landscape 4.25 Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobs

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.00 The Entertainers 12.30pm-1.00 Portrait of the Wild 1.10 Heidi 2.00 Looking Back 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 Film: Barbary Coast Gent' 4.35 Something to Treasure 5.05 International Yacht Racing 5.35-6.05 The Munsters Today 11.30-12.00 Katts and Dog

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Exploration and Adventure

TSW
As London except: 12.00 Cover Story (Hal Linden) 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week *1.10 Coronation Street 2.05 Fisheries News* 2.2o Hard Time on Planet Earth 3.15 Film: Broken Lance 5.05 Coach 5.35-6.05 St Peter's in the Square 11.30 Film: Cat and Mouse 12.55 Quiz Night 1.25 Bobby Robson PSV 2.25 Film: Figures in a Landscape 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.15-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 12.00 An Invitation to Remember (Donald Sinden) 12.30-1.00 TVS News followed by Jack Thompson Down Under 1.10 An Englishman's Home 1.55 The Count of Monte Cristo 2.55 Film: The Old Man and the Sea 4.40 Cartoon 5.05 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 5.35-6.05 Heirloom 11.30-12.00 The Human Factor

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.00-1.00pm Beyond 2000 1.10 Way of the Lakes 1.40 Highway to Heaven 2.40 Film: Operation Amsterdam 4.40 Bullseye 5.10-6.05 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25 Coach 12.55 Quiz Night 1.25 Bobby Robson PSV 2.25 Film: Figures in a Landscape 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 12.00 An Invitation to Remember (Flora Robson) 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 American Century 2.10 Make it Pay 2.40 Film: Nine Hours to Rama 5.10-6.05 Coronation Street 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25 Alfred Hitchcock 12.55 Quiz Night 1.25 Bobby Robson PSV 2.25 Figures in a Landscape 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.150-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.00 Peppino 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 Wonderful World of Disney 2.05 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05 Film: Hannibal Brooks 4.55 Cartoon Time 5.05-6.05 The Count of Monte Cristo 11.30 Monte Carlo 1.15am The Twilight Zone 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 This is Horror 3.00 The Forum Presents 4.00 The Chef's Apprentice 4.30-5.30 Jobs

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Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas 8.55 Kid 'n' Play 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Owl TV 10.00 Dispatches 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 Painted Tales 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Now You're Talking 1.25 Violin Concert 1.30 Europe Express 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Travellers' Tales 4.00 Film: School for Vandals 5.35 Hidden Heritage 6.35 The Marshall Chronicles 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 O Vaughan i Pymwy 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Datganiad gan Gwynne Howell 9.00 Troeon 9.45 He-Play: The Lounge Bar 10.00 Film: American Roulette 11.45 The Street 12.15 Fontamara 1.15 Diwedd

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 All American Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 Hey Dad 4.30 Hart to Hart 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Dream West: First of a three-part mini series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm The National Gallery — A Private View 1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 The National Gallery — A Private View 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 The National Gallery — A Private View 8.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 The National Gallery — A Private View 12.30am Target 1.30 The National Gallery — A Private View 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Lady and the Highwayman (1988): British swashbuckler based on a novel by Barbara Cartland
10.00 Gleaming the Cube (1989): A teenager teams up with a cop to track down the killers of his adopted Vietnamese brother. Starring Christian Slater
12.00 Her Best Last Year (1990): A psychiatrist (Mary Tyler Moore) helps a young executive (Bernadette Peters) come to terms with her terminal illness
2.00pm The Woo Woo Kid (1987) The true story of 15-year-old Sonny Wisecarver who had a habit of getting married. Starring Patrick Dempsey
4.00 Secret of the Ice Cave (1989). A young boy searches for his missing mother and for hidden treasure in South America. Starring Sally Kellerman and Michael Moriarty
6.00 Promised a Miracle (1988): True-life drama about a deeply religious couple who refused medical treatment for their dying son. Starring Rosanna Arquette
7.40 Projector
8.00 Gorillas in the Mist (1988): True story of the anthropologist Dian Fossey, who devoted her life to protecting and studying gorillas. Starring Sigourney Weaver
10.15 Dawn of the Dead (1979): Sequel to *Night of the Living Dead*. A small group of military personnel become the prey of a group of flesh-hungry zombies. Starring Ken Foree
12.45am Creepshow 2 (1987): Trilogy of spine-chilling stories from the horror collective of Stephen King and George Romero
2.10 Search and Destroy (1989): A gang of terrorists and a SWAT team fight for control of a biochemical research station. Starring Stuart Garrison Day
4.00 Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976): Black comedy about a crazy ambulance service. Starring Bill Cosby and Raquel Welch. Ends at 5.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
5.45am Hawaii (1966): Sprawling epic about the first missionaries to Hawaii. Starring Julie Andrews
8.15 The Jetsons meet the Flinstones: Cartoon adventures with space age and the prehistoric families
10.15 From Noon 'Til Three (1976): Light-hearted Western about a bank robber who interrupts a raid to flirt with a pretty woman. Starring Charles Bronson and Jill Ireland
12.15pm Hands Across the Table (1935, b/w): Romantic comedy about two mercenary lovers. Starring Carole Lombard
2.15 Divorce, American Style (1967): A husband and wife run into problems when they decide to divorce. Starring Dick Van Dyke and Debbie Reynolds
4.15 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf: Animated adventure
6.15 Back to the Future, Part Two (1989): Second instalment of the blockbuster trilogy in which Michael J. Fox goes back and forth in time, aided and abetted by Christopher Lloyd
8.10 Parenthood (1989): Comedy-drama about the problems of rearing children. Starring Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest and Rick Moranis
10.15 Summer Heat (1987): Drama about a love triangle in Thirties North Carolina. Starring Lori Singer
11.40 Phantasm II (1988): Surreal shocker about two men who discover a plot to kidnap humans and turn them into ugly midget creatures. Starring Reggi Bannister
1.20am Gothic (1987): Ken Russell's re-telling of the literary friendship between Byron and Shelley. Starring Gabriel Byrne and Julian Sands
2.50 Steal the Sky (1988): An American servicewoman is recruited by the Israeli secret service to seduce an Iraqi pilot. Starring Mariel Hemingway. Ends at 5.00

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.00am Australian Rules Football 10.00 Classic Cup Finals 12.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 1.00pm Live Refuge Assurance League Cricket 6.15 International Tennis Tournament from Newhaven 8.00 English Open Golf 10.00 Scottish Premier League Football 12.00 English Open Golf

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Trans World Sport 9.00 Football: Ladies' European Championships from Denmark 10.30 Motorcycling: San Marino Grand Prix; Car Racing WSCC Nurburgring; Cycling World Championships; Golf. English Open; Ice Hockey 9.30 Cycling: Tour of The Netherlands Highlights 10.30 Motorcycling: San Marino Grand Prix

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Baseball 9.00 All Japan F3000 Championships 10.00 Athletics 12.00 Surfing 1.00pm Inside Track 2.00 Rugby World Cup 3.00 Superbike World Championship 4.00 Gol 5.00 European White Water Rafting 6.00 Motor Sport F3000 7.00 European Rallycross Championships 8.00 Live US PGA Golf 11.00 Tenpin Bowling

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 Three for the Road 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Spain Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Green Hornet 4.25 Film: Dick Tracy Returns 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather

7.00 Morning Concert: Humperdinck (Overture, Hansel and Gretel: Bavarian RSO); Strauss (Alphorn: Marie McLaughlin, soprano, Barry Tuckwell, horn, Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); J. Strauss, son (Waltz, The Blue Danube: Vienna Philharmonic)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Martinů (The Frescoes of Piero della Francesca: Prague RSO); Chopin (Ballade No 1 in G minor, Op 23: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano); Respighi (The Pines of Rome: Philharmonia) **8.30** News

8.35 Maestro de' Concerti: Vivaldi (Sinfonia in E, RV 131: Concerto Köln; Concerto in C, per la Solennità di San Lorenzo, RV 556: Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott; Violin Concerto in E flat, RV 254: Collegium Aureum, with Franzjosef Maier, violin)

9.15 Violin bel canto: The recorded legacy of Alfredo Campoli. Sarasate (Zapateado; Malaguena; Playera: Daphne Ibbott, piano); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D: LSO under Ataulfo Argenta); Wieniawski (Légende, Op 17: LPO under Pierino Gamba)

10.15 Prom Talk, presented by Anthony Burton. Sir Edward Downes talks about Prokofiev's opera *The Fiery Angel*; a profile of the Orpheus CO; the violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky in conversation; and Brian Elias talks about his settings of poems by Irina Ratushinskaya

10.45 A Modest Profession: In the ninth of 12 programmes celebrating the recording career of the conductor Antal Dorati, Brighton Festival Chorus; Royal PO perform Haydn's The Creation

12.40pm Replay: Philip French delves into the BBC sound archives and retrieves Dylan Thomas's *A Visit to America*, first broadcast in 1954

1.00 News

1.05 Your Concert Choice: Rubbra (Pezzo Ostinato: Ann Griffiths, harp); Tye (Kyrie, Orbis factor: Choir of Winchester Cathedral under David Hill); Tippett (Concerto for violin, viola, cello and orchestra: LSO under Colin Davis; with György Pauk, violin, Nobuko Imai, viola, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello); Hummel (Piano Trio in E flat, Op 96: Trio Parnassus); Boccherini, arr Françaix (Scuola di Ballo: LPO under Antal Dorati)

2.30 Jean-Philippe Collard: The pianist plays Fauré (Thème et variations, Op 73; Nocturne No 6 in D flat); Debussy (Estampes; L'isle joyeuse); Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte; Gaspard de la nuit)

3.50 BBC SO under David Atherton performs Stravinsky (Monumentum); Tchaikovsky, arr Stravinsky (Blue Bird Pas de Deux); Stravinsky (Ballet, The Fairy's Kiss) (r)

4.55 Tuning Up: Chris de Souza explores the individual sounds of the ensemble George W. Welch. John White, arr Ian Gardiner (Sonata No 109); Erik Satie, arr Ian Gardiner (Chapitres tournées en tous sens); Andrew Hugill (Catalogue de Grenouilles); Ian Gardiner (British Museum) (r)

6.00 The North German Organ: Graham Barber plays the organs at Uttum and Marienhafe

7.00 Takacs String Quartet performs Beethoven (Quartet in F, Op 18 No 1) (r)

7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Choir of the King's Consort; King's Consort under Robert King perform Purcell (Hail Bright Cecilia, Ode for St Cecilia's Day, 1692). **8.20** A Nocturnal Reverie: An anthology of poetry from the 18th century. **8.40** Telemann (Ouverture in C, Wassermusik); Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks)

9.45 Sunday Play: Cupid and Psyche. Peter Mackie's dramatisation of the second of two stories from Lucius Apuleius's *The Golden Ass*. Venus is jealous of the mortal Psyche's beauty. Her plan to make Psyche fall in love with a monster backfires, when her son, Cupid, falls in love with Psyche. With David Learner as Cupid, Claire Faulconbridge as Psyche and Kate O'Mara as Venus

11.15 Brahms and Liszt: The pianist Martin Roscoe plays Brahms (Seven fantasies, Op 116); Liszt (Petrarch Sonnet No 104; Rhapsodie espagnole)

12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** *Prelude* (s) **6.30** Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday **6.55** Weather

7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World (r) **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather

8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** Bob Monkhouse speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of MacIntyre, a charity which cares for children with severe disabilities **8.55** Weather

9.00 News

9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service from St Mary's Church, Nottingham

10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition

11.15 News Stand, with Louise Levene

11.30 Pick of the Week, with Andy Kershaw (s) (r)

12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley talks to the lawyer Lord Goodman (s) (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Egglescliffe Gardening Club in Cleveland put their queries to the experts

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Anthills of the Savannah. A dramatisation of the Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe's novel about a dictatorship in the west African state of Kangan (s) (r)

4.00 News; Arthur — the King: Gareth. Graeme Fife's epic story of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table (3 of 7) (s) (r)

4.47 Time for Verse: Sean O'Brien reads at the Bête Noire Poetry Festival in Hull (s)

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Brian Blessed visits the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, Surrey, to find out how the children's hospital raises money (s)

5.40 First Person: Sheila O'Sullivan talks about being a "little old lady" (r) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

***6.00** News*

6.15 Feedback (r)

6.30 Present Imperfect?
● CHOICE: The uniquely British desire to look to the past for buildings and furniture is examined by Roy Strong in the second of his programmes, this one entitled *Why Is "Old" So Secure?* The planners and architects he interviews agree there has been little attempt at consultation — on tower blocks, for example — and our planning system is described by Lord Palumbo as "democracy gone mad". We feel comfortable with the old, witness the bulging order books of an Ipswich reproduction furniture company. Whether ancient and modern can be reconciled by the 21st century, Sir Roy will tell us next week

7.00 Against the State: Terrorists. In the last of eight studies on sedition and rebellion, Brian Redhead looks at the effects of terrorists on the state (s) (r)

7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Libby Purves and Nigel Forde to talk about four of their favourite paperbacks (s) (r)

8.00 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues (r)

8.40 Reading Aloud: The Propaganda Machine. Richard Huggett recalls a childhood meeting with Sir Alexander Fleming

9.00 News; Enquire Within (r)

9.15 The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm investigate the origins of the modern cow (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Father Joe: The life of Glaswegian Joe Keenan, a student at the Vatican university, where he is spending seven years training to become a priest (s) (r)

11.00 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music (s) (r)

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Josephine Butler. The second of four programmes in which John Coutts examines the spiritual meditations of noted journal writers (s)

***12.00-12.30am** News, incl 12.27* Weather **12.33** Shipping

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Top 20 charts of 1966, 1972 and 1983 2.30 The Radio 1 Sunday Roadshow, with Mike Read from Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr Tydfil 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after *12.00) 2.00-4.00am Tim Smith (FM only)*

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RADIO 5

6.00am World Service; News and 24 Hours 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl at 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 This Family Business, incl at 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Waterlines 11.00 News and Sport; Time Travel: Hadrian's Wall (r) 11.30 Motoring Madness: For King, Country and Henry Ford (2 of 6) 12.00 News and Sport, Open University: Open Forum, incl at 1.00pm News; Sport 2.00 News and Sport; Sunday Sport, with Jonathan Legard. Golf: Final round of the NM English Open from the Belfry; Cricket: Refuge Assurance League; Swimming: European Championships from Athens; Motorcycling: 500cc San Marino Grand Prix 6.00 Sunday Sports Report 7.20 Open University 9.00 Cities: A Student Guide to . . . Cardiff (r) 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Deal 10.10 Across the Line, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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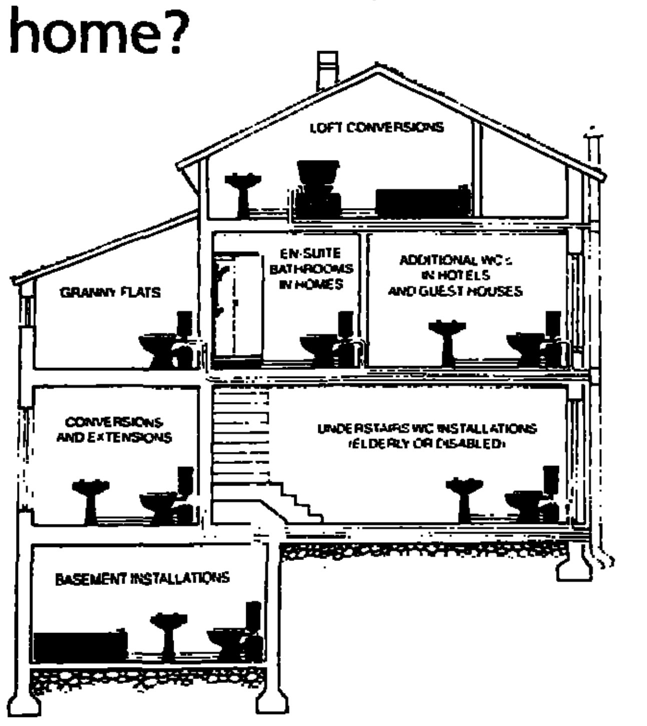
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BARRY GREENWOOD

On the trail of lawbreakers: a policeman heads for the hills above Oldham. Greater Manchester police have issued a five-man unit with off-road motorcycles to curb the cross-country cowboys in four-wheel-drive vehicles and on motorbikes who are wrecking the Pennine Way

MPs attack government defence policy

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT defence policy for the 1990s came under fierce criticism yesterday from an all-party Commons committee. MPs accused ministers of failing to develop a coherent strategy behind the recently announced cuts in Britain's armed forces.

The defence committee also attacked the government for giving "no hint" of its financial strategy for defence over the next decade. "It is high time that ministers gave parliament an indication of when defence spending cuts are expected to end, and at approximately what level of public expenditure," the MPs said in a report on the government's defence white paper published last month.

The highly critical report from the committee, chaired by Michael Mates, Conservative MP for East Hampshire, provoked an immediate counter-attack from the government. Opposition MPs seized the opportunity to denounce the government's armed forces cuts, announced last month by Tom King, the defence secretary.

John Reid, a Labour defence spokesman, said: "This report is a stinging indictment of the government's defence policies and of Tom King personally." He described the "options for change" review as a "botch job from start to finish" and said the government must be deeply humiliated by the MPs' report. Labour's reaction yesterday was in strong contrast to the line adopted by Martin O'Neill, the party's main defence spokesman, who broadly welcomed Mr King's white paper on the day it was published.

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' defence spokesman, said: "The defence committee's report underlines the suspicion ... that the Ministry of Defence is being led by the nose by the Treasury towards reductions in Britain's armed forces which have no rational basis."

Alan Clark, the minister for defence procurement, said he was surprised by the accusation that the proposals for the armed forces for the 1990s had not been placed within a coherent strategic overview. "The defence white paper and other recent statements had been intended to do precisely that," he said. Some of the committee's comments were founded on "an inability to grasp the scope and scale of the government's objectives".

The MPs claimed there was a "yawning gap" between the perception of the changes that had taken place in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, and the role of British armed forces in the new order. Despite dramatic changes over the past two years, there had been few changes in defence commitments, or in the pattern of deployment of forces.

While not calling for a full defence review, which is Labour's argument, the committee was critical of the way the government had planned the changes. The MPs' report took issue with the government over the promised "peace dividend". It was becoming increasingly clear, they said, that savings could only be made by difficult choices between competing priorities and "rigorous analysis of long term strategies".

Rather than pursuing some "academically conceived ideal figure" for the percentage of GDP to be devoted to defence — 3.4 per cent by 1993-4 — "the struggle must continue to match the costs of the forces required to meet agreed commitments with the resources available", the report said.

Statement on the Defence Estimates 1991 (Defence Committee eleventh report, Stationery Office; £19.75).

Leading article, page 9

NEXT WEEK IN THE TIMES

Dare this space "borrow" a few words from Bernard Levin? *Is such a loan plagiarism, flattery, publicity, or merely a bit* of a cheek? This much can be risked, perhaps:

'. . .the Miami correspondent of The Washington Post *has been sacked — no half-measures for the nation's capital — for lifting material from* The Miami Herald. *What makes this stage of the plagiarism epidemic even more weird than it was in the first place is the nature of the matter from which came the words the* Herald *purloined: it consisted of three articles about mosquitoes.'*

Bernard Levin on plagiarism, in *The Times* on Monday. Remember, you read it here first

Chinese on an outing pose as tourists

POSTCARD FROM YUNNAN 17 AUG 1991 CHINA

IN WUKESHU village, a woman from the Sanyi minority nationality, in traditional embroidered tunic and headdress, politely fends off a photographer as if she were a pop star weary of her fans, "No pictures, please." She gestures beyond the village, and adds: "Pictures at the Stone Forest."

You can almost hear the Stone Forest before you see its limestone peaks rising from the red clay of the land. The hum which rises above the holiday mecca is of thousands of Han Chinese tourists at play having made their way by bus two hours into the rolling, subtropical hills from the provincial capital, Kunming. They elbow and kick their way to the ticket booth to enter what the Chinese bill as "one of the eight natural wonders on earth", and then wallow noisily in the man-made entertainments which fill every available space between one tall rock and the next.

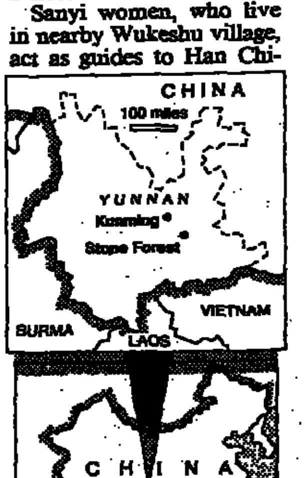
In one sandy clearing, a young Han Chinese woman in brown trousers and pink nylon blouse is struggling into a red velvet tunic and headdress which are intended to be, but are in fact tawdry imitations of, Sanyi minority nationality clothing. Another young Han Chinese couple in similarly garish costumes are being coached into heroic poses by a Han Chinese photographer. Shrieks of laughter rend the air.

Such is the delight for Han Chinese of dressing up and being photographed that dozens of stalls have sprung up hiring out costumes and offering professional photographers. One cannot help but wonder where else such a patronising attitude would be answered with tolerance rather than violence?

If one tires of pretending to be a minority, one can pose at the Stone Forest on camels which look miserable, as camels always do.

Their bad temper may stem from being forced to wear what appear to be minority nationality headdresses. White ponies have equal cause for grievance, having been painted with black stripes so that they will pass, at a distance, for zebras. The only unadorned and therefore unphotographed, creatures seem to be pigs, which root among tourist rubbish for food. Pigs and tourists treat each other with mutual lack of interest.

Sanyi women, who live in nearby Wukeshu village, act as guides to Han Chinese tour groups and sell embroidery, all the while watching the strange charade being played out in front of them and occasionally gritting their teeth for a photo session. Tourism is one of their most important sources of income, so they have to play the game. One imagines, however, that in the evening, in the simple mud dwellings of Wukeshu village, where the front room doubles as a stable for the donkey, they swap tales of the absurd.



Han are the dominant race in China. In Yunnan province, two-thirds of the population is Han. The rest, that is 10.65 million people, belong to 24 minority nationalities, one of which is the Sanyi. Those 10.65 million people in Yunnan make up a sixth of China's entire minority population.

According to an official Yunnan guidebook, "after the founding of the People's Republic, the people of all nationalities leapt over into socialism". The communists are proud of their policies on minorities, boasting that they have brought backward, slave societies into the modern world.

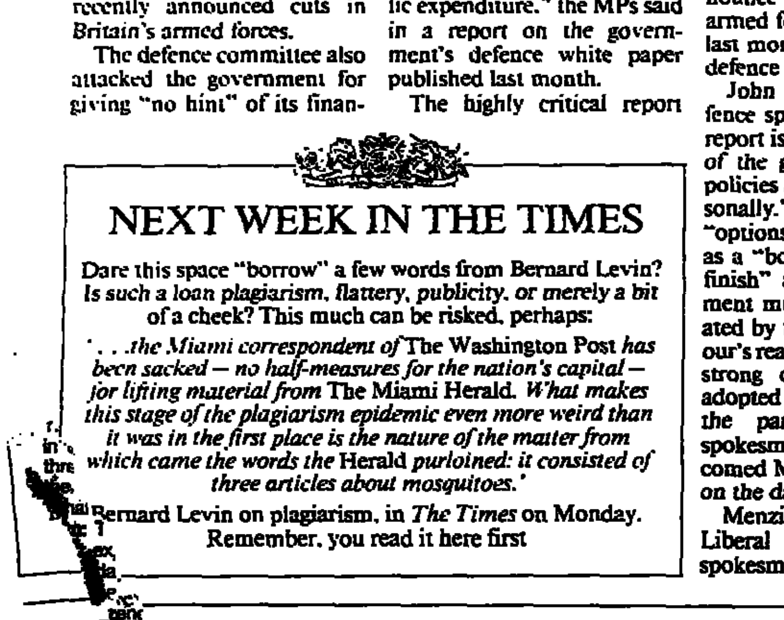
Forty years of communism, however, have neutered much of minority culture, turning minority people into little more than animals in a zoo to be pointed at and admired. In general, minorities are cultivated for their singing, dancing and handicrafts.

Back to the guide book: "The minority nationalities in Yunnan are endowed with many rich and distinctive features such as the vastly different styles of buildings, the various colourful costumes and ornaments, the folk songs and dances brimming with idyllic flavours and very interesting marital customs."

In theory, the government supports positive discrimination in favour of minority nationalities. They can enter university with lower marks, and can have more than one child. In practice, most Han Chinese openly sneer at their "low cultural level" and would not be seen dead treating them as an equal. On any official form, your nationality, Han, or Miao, or Tibetan, is as important a piece of identification as your sex and date of birth.

CATHERINE SAMPSON

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,687



ACROSS

1 *Dull*-sounding seaside area (8).
5 One way to travel from Louisiana via Texas (6).
8 Show international player's trial on film (6,4).
9 Explorer brings business to satisfactory conclusion (4).
10 They feed on the shore, like Walrus and Carpenter (6-8).
11 Pen that is provided for terrier (7).
13 Cooked kipper, duck and meat in pastry (4,3).
15 French crew assembled ship's cargo (7).
18 Money paid initially is returned in store (7).
21 Smart in Latin, so it's altogether odd to produce this (14).
22 Hit a square cut? Absolutely! (4).
23 Person who rallies before failing in China (3-7).
24 Bullyboy? (6).
25 This disciple had gone off before Matthew, Mark etc (8).

DOWN

1 Rebukes minor partners about nothing (7).
2 Flier heads away from SW? (9).
3 *Behave like glutton* — before tucking into eggs, finish off toast (7).
4 *Car signal bringing prompt assistance* (7).
5 Craftsmanship I obstruct in plant (9).
6 Batting first, Test is under control (2,5).
7 Left-winger runs to kick left-half (7).
12 One who succeeds in female's new trio (9).
14 Scattered in 500 pieces, it may put paid to slugs (9).
16 Strike episode produces angry behaviour (7).
17 Perceptible understanding (7).
18 No longer in employment, Captain Corcoran's verbal standards aren't maintained (7).
19 Repair I bungled, that's plain (7).
20 Man one has to beat on the touchline? (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,681

P	A	S	T	I	C	H	E	■	O	B	T	A	I	N
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Solution to Puzzle No 18,686

B	E	S	O	M	■	G	O	O	N	E	S	W	A	Y
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SHAMIANA
a. A large tent
b. Shammy leather
c. A dance in a ring

URD
a. The water buffalo
b. A rational number
c. A black bean

QUILLAI
a. A crossbow quarrel
b. The soap-bark tree
c. A negative question

HOBDAY
a. Midsummer's Eve
b. Twelfth Night
c. Horse surgery

Answers on page 11

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 8.20 pm to 5.50 am
Bristol 8.30 pm to 6.0 am
Edinburgh 8.46 pm to 5.49 am
Manchester 8.34 pm to 5.53 am
Penzance 8.38 pm to 6.15 am

Concise crossword page 11

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M M Kaczmarczuk, Greenacre Park Rise, Rawdon, Leeds; J R Wells, Milvil Road, Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire; P E Philpott, Church Hill, Shepherdswell, Dover; S Jones, Cyncoed Road, Cardiff; J Cook, Gladstone Road, Yardley, Birmingham.

WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will begin cloudy with light rain, but gradually become bright and sunny from the north-west. Northern Scotland, after showers, will turn brighter this afternoon. The rest of Scotland, Northern Ireland, northern England and north Wales should be bright with scattered showers. Outlook: England and Wales mostly dry with bright spells. Scotland and Northern Ireland cloudier with rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Majorca	32	90	s
Algiers	36	97	s	Malaga	34	93	s
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Malta	29	84	s
Athens	30	86	c	Melb'rne	10	50	f
Bangkok	31	88	c	Miami*	33	91	s
Barbads*	31	88	s	Milan	29	84	s
Barcelna	29	84	s	Montreal*	28	82	f
Belgrade	25	77	f	Moscow	18	64	f
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Naples	31	88	s
Biarritz	23	73	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Borde'x	26	79	f	N York*	27	81	s
Brussels	19	66	c	Nice	28	82	s
*B Aires**	21	70	f	*Oslo*	22	72	s
Cairo	33	91	f	Paris	23	73	f
Cape Tn	13	55	f	Perth	19	66	f
C'phagn	17	63	f	Prague	25	77	f
Corfu	30	86	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Dublin	15	59	r	Rio de J	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Faro	26	79	s	Rome	30	86	s
Florence	33	91	s	S F'risco*	17	63	f
Frankfurt	29	84	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	25	77	s	St'kholm	19	66	c
Geneva	28	82	s	Sydney	14	57	s
Gibraltar	26	79	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Helsinki	14	57	r	*Tel Aviv*	29	84	f
Hong K	27	81	c	Tenerife	27	81	f
Istanbul	29	84	f	Tokyo	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Toronto*	24	75	f
L Palmas	24	75	f	Tunis	33	91	s
Lisbon	31	88	s	Valencia	30	86	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Vanc'ver*	23	73	s
London	23	73	s	Venice	28	82	s
L Angels*	22	72	c	Vienna	25	77	s
Luxembg	23	73	s	Warsaw	25	77	f
Luxor	38	100	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	f
Madrid	37	99	s	Zurich	25	77	c

* denotes figures are latest available

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	5.2	-	22	72	sunny
Anglesey	1.2	-	17	63	dull
Belfast	4.7	.02	19	66	shower
Birmingham	7.9	-	24	75	sunny
Blackpool	0.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Bournemouth	8.6	-	22	72	bright
Brighton	8.9	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	6.9	-	22	72	bright
Buxton	7.2	-	21	70	bright
Cardiff	5.1	-	21	70	bright
Colwyn Bay	10.0	-	24	75	sunny
Cromer	11.4	-	28	82	sunny
Douglas	2.9	.07	19	66	bright
Eastbourne	11.6	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	3.4	-	21	70	bright
Falmouth	6.9	-	21	70	bright
Folkestone	12.0	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	3.2	.01	19	66	rain
Guernsey	11.3	-	22	72	sunny
Hastings	11.6	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	10.8	-	25	77	sunny
Jersey	11.9	-	23	73	sunny
Kinloss	3.8	.01	21	70	bright
Leeds	8.4	-	24	75	sunny
Lerwick	0.7	.15	15	59	rain
London	11.4	-	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	10.7	-	24	75	sunny
Manchester	3.4	-	22	72	bright
Minehead	6.7	-	24	75	sunny
Morecambe	1.0	.01	18	64	rain
Nottingham	9.3	-	24	75	sunny
Penzance	8.0	-	21	70	bright
Plymouth	5.7	.01	19	66	bright
Salcombe	7.4	-	21	70	bright
Scarborough	8.0	-	24	75	bright
Scilly Isles	6.7	-	20	68	sunny
Shanklin	11.0	-	21	70	sunny
Southend	11.7	-	26	79	sunny
St. Ives	8.5	-	21	70	bright
Teignmouth	6.7	-	23	73	sunny
Tenby	5.0	.02	19	66	cloudy
Torquay	3.9	-	22	72	cloudy
Weymouth	6.1	-	20	68	sunny
Worthing	9.0	-	21	70	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Coltishall, Norfolk, 29C (84F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Benbecula, Outer Hebrides, 0.24 in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 12.0 hr.

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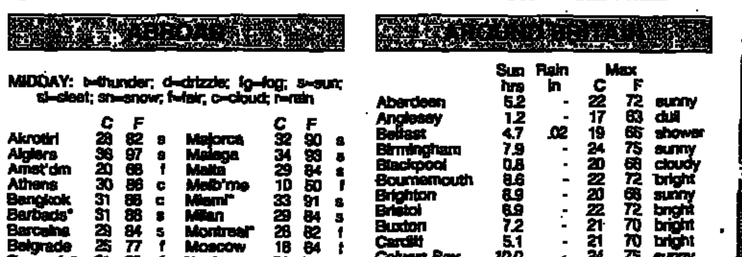

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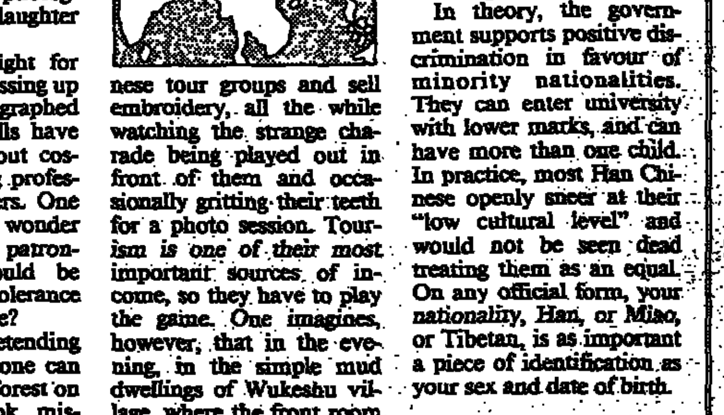

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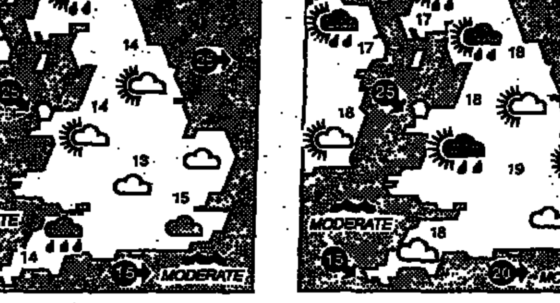
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WEEKEND
MONEY

Inflation convergence

The unlikely prospect of British inflation falling below the German rate moved closer yesterday. Retail prices in the UK rose 5.5 per cent in the year to July, the lowest rate for three years and just one percentage point above the German level. Economists are confident that the government will achieve its target of reducing inflation to below 4 per cent by the end of the year. The Germans had to raise interest rates this week to counter the threat of re-emerging inflation ....Page 23

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The battle for control of Macarthy, the pharmaceuticals group, became a three-way fight when Lloyds Chemists made a surprise £80 million offer..........Page 22

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£12m pub deal

Young & Co, the London brewery, has bought the Finch chain of pubs, which include Bill Bentley's wine bars, in a deal worth £12 million..........Page 23

Alan Bond's wife, Eileen, is pulling pints in her son's pub. The limousines owned by their private company have fallen under the autioneer's hammer. Next month, his collection of paintings by modern masters will be sold too..........Page 23

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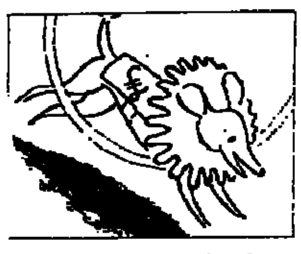


Weekend Money tells of two widows given poor advice by financial advisers. The advisers would have received £6,000 in commission. "It bugs me that the bank should collect that sum of money for subjecting a woman like me to being browbeaten," said one. Consumer protection agencies are worried about advice with a bias towards high commission products.......Page 27

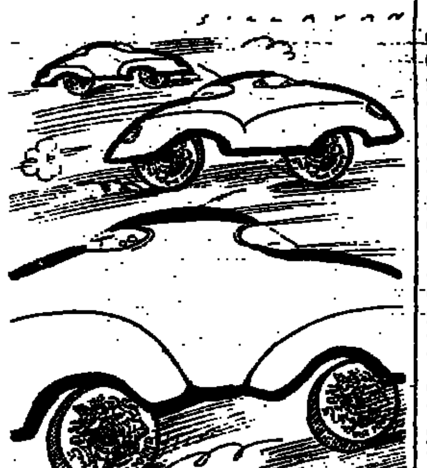
WEEK ENDING
Matthew Bond

Thatcher Time revisited

For more than a decade a staple of the British summer has been the picture of a head-scarfed Mrs Thatcher, accompanied by familiar husband and less familiar dog, striding along some gently undulating part of the south coast. This year has been very different, although it is electorally premature to say whether pictures of a be-shorted Mr Major scratching the ears of a passing Spanish donkey will become similarly established.

But was it really cricket that prompted the prime minister's return to London? A strangely familiar aura surrounding many of the financial events of the week supports an alternative explanation. Privately funded motorways, a multibillion-pound sale of government-owned BT shares, and the privatisation of the port of Tees and Hartlepool — there was no mistaking the whiff of Thatcherism in the air.

For those concerned to ensure the political correctness of their thinking it was a most confusing few days. Here, apparently, was a prime minister best known for promising a new golden age of railway travel giving the go-ahead for the first turnpike road for more than 150 years — a 30-mile motorway around Birmingham that will be built and run by an Anglo-Italian consortium led by Sir Nigel Broackes's Trafalgar House. The Automobile Association said the £1.50 a time toll was turning the clock back 100 years. Ten months looked nearer the mark.



The government's plans to sell all or part of its remaining 49 per cent stake in BT, the telephone company, did nothing to dispel the impression that the political clocks had gone back to British Thatcher Time. For just as the general public seemed to have lost all interest in, and indeed all means of, backing privatisation issues, the government has embarked on a fresh plan to widen share ownership with an enthusiasm that the charismatics would have been proud of.

Out go the City establishment, the stockbrokers who, by coincidence, had always been one of Mrs T's pet hates, and in come six high street banks, one building society and a BT subsidiary whose unenviable collective task it will be to establish the share shop as a feature of the British high street. In a week that confirmed that the British public is hard pressed to buy a suit (witness Sears' sale of Horne Brothers for £1) let alone a share, the government's decision seemed a triumph of expedience over experience.

Students of A-level economics, whose grades were delivered on Thursday, will doubtless have been relieved that they sat their examinations in June, well ahead of the new ammunition that last week's baffling array of economic indicators would have provided for an examiner. The "good things" were a 1.5 per cent increase in retail sales in June, a 3 per cent rise in industrial production and a fall in the rate of inflation to 5.5 per cent. The "bad things" were the biggest monthly rise in unemployment for more than five years, higher German interest rates and gloomy forecasts from both the Confederation of British Industry and the Bank of England. One leading economist described the situation thus: "Some of the indicators are pointing up and some of the indicators are pointing down." He did not disclose what A-level grade led him to this remarkable insight.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden

Guinness finds a strong head

The joint deputy chairman of Guinness deprives himself of television, bridge and chess. He tells **Carol Leonard** why

Cast your mind back to 1987. Speculation about the Guinness scandal, after its controversial £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers, was reaching fever pitch and Ernest Saunders, the Guinness chairman, had just been shown the door.

By 6am the following Monday, Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, then Sir Norman, the temporary successor to Mr Saunders, was methodically drawing up a plan of action in Guinness's Portman Square headquarters.

Lord Macfarlane, now joint deputy chairman, says: "It probably wasn't a lot different from ladies drawing up their shopping lists." The first two tasks on his 12-point list were to find a new chief executive and a finance director. The last was to restore morale and credibility. "I simply worked my way through the list, ticking off items one by one. I knew that if I could work my way through them all, there was a good chance that it would all come right," he says.

Throughout the exercise, Lord Macfarlane had the feeling he had done it all before. He was reminded of Palestine in 1947. "It was under martial law and was a bit like Northern Ireland. Our camp was fenced with barbed wire and surrounded by orange groves, where terrorists hid and fired at us. I remember my battery commander saying, 'right Mac, go for it', and I was sent out, with ten or twelve people, into those orange groves. I wasn't frightened from the point of view of my own safety, but I was frightened that I wouldn't do well. Then suddenly I realised that I knew what to do. It was simply a case of organising people to look for the terrorists — and doing Guinness was rather the same."

Lord Macfarlane, aged 65, was, until the Guinness affair, almost unknown outside Scottish industrial circles. The fact that he had amassed about 40 chairmanships and directorships had gone largely unnoticed. He had also built up the Macfarlane Group, his own packaging and printing company, which began with £200 army back-pay and became a publicly quoted business with 20 subsidiaries, capitalised at £90 million.

He remains chairman of Macfarlane Group and retains a personal stake of about 8 per cent, worth more than £7 million. His other chairmanships include The Fine Art Society, "worth millions and millions", where his family speaks for 20 per cent, making it the largest single shareholder, and American Trust. He is a director of General Accident, of Clydesdale Bank and is a patron of the National Art Collection Fund.

But despite such new-found wealth, Lord Macfarlane rarely discusses money. For someone who has clawed his way up from what he describes as a modest, middle class, Glaswegian family background, that is unusual. He could never be described as brash. He drives a Jaguar, lives in a Victorian house in the Bearsden district of Glasgow and has a second home on Scotland's east coast. He plays golf every Saturday morning, attends church every Sunday and allows himself a glass of Royal Lochnagar, his favourite malt whisky, most evenings. Apart from that, he eats and drinks sparingly, to the point where house guests have been known to complain privately that the Macfarlanes barely eat at all.

He exercises for 20 minutes every evening, but seems embarrassed when asked for details. He says: "Just the normal kinds of things, I won't reveal my secrets," then laughs, awkwardly. "A mixture of exercises, for suppleness as well as strength. It is much more important to do them in a disciplined, regular way than for a long time."

> *You only have to play one hole of golf with him to know that under that beautiful Brylcream exterior lies a very competitive soul*

He is unexpectedly protective of his personal life. Lord Macfarlane's superficially open manner is, perhaps, deceptive. When his wife, Greta, mother of his five children, was seriously ill recently, not even his secretary of 20 years was informed. He obviously believes there are certain things one must keep to oneself.

Yet ask Lord Macfarlane to describe himself and he will suggest that he is outgoing, gregarious, emotional, caring, good with people, a man's man and a keen sportsman. Likened, in his youth, to Clark Gable, he still carries himself well. He is lean and handsome and a little over six feet tall. With his immaculately coiffured silver grey hair, dark grey eyebrows, pale blue eyes and silver moustache, he could, indeed, be an ageing Hollywood star.

At the same time, however, his soft, Scottish brogue is so convincing that it is difficult not to picture him in a kilt rather than a suit. He is such a good listener that, in different surroundings, he might be more easily taken for a kindly, country rector than a multi-millionaire entrepreneur, driven by a Calvinistic work ethic.

Angus Grossart, chairman of Noble Grossart, Guinness's merchant bank, says: "He does not have the score card mentality that drives so many top industrialists. He is not driven by a desire for fame or fortune. He is driven, instead, by the challenge of improving himself, in an aspiring, traditional, Scottish way. He does subscribe to the Calvinistic work ethic, he believes in hard work and he does not believe in short cuts. He stretches himself as much now as he did 20 years ago."

Another friend, Alan Waddle, agrees that Macfarlane could come across as a rural vicar. He is living proof, Waddle says that "good guys can finish first". But he is in no sense a pushover. Waddle says: "You only have to play one hole of golf with him to know that beneath that beautiful Brylcream exterior lies a very competitive soul. He is shrewd, energetic, extremely determined and has great judgment. But he never gives anything away. He would not give you a putt of six inches — there is always a chance that you will miss."

Lord Macfarlane, although superficially relaxed, often uses words such as loyalty and discipline. Most of the disciplines to which he refers were instilled in him by his mother, Jesse, to whom he was extremely close.

A party of Japanese visitors who asked for two tips of his success were told to polish their shoes and to smile. Lord Macfarlane smiles often and easily. "The bit about keeping our shoes clean, about being neat and tidy, comes from my mother."

Although they do not appear to weigh heavily on him, he is very aware of what he sees as his duties: supporting bodies that help alcoholics, because he is in the drinks industry; saying thank you, face to face, to someone who has worked for the company for 40 years; encouraging the younger managers; representing Scottish interests within companies or organisations; and safeguarding the national heritage.

Even his peerage, bestowed in the Queen's Birthday Honours, is taken seriously. "Whether I like it or not, I am going to go to the House of Lords and make a contribution," he says. But friends insist that his ennoblement has changed neither Macfarlane nor his wife.

He still does not allow himself to watch television or to play bridge or chess, which he would enjoy. "I simply don't have the time. I have too much else to do." He limits himself to 20 minutes a day on *The Times* crossword and always reads at night. But if Lord Macfarlane is strict with himself, he believes he has good cause.

His elder brother, Richard, Guy Gibson's navigator in the dam busters mission, was killed a few weeks later in a dogfight over Belgium. He was 23. Lord Macfarlane, then 17, had lost his schoolboy hero. "He was extremely bright and clever and his sudden disappearance like that was a huge influence on me. It made me want to do better, to try and fill the gap."

That sentiment was reinforced three years later when Lord Macfarlane broke his neck and back in a swimming accident in Palestine. He spent six months in plaster, unable to move. It was another year before he recovered fully.

"It made me profoundly grateful because I realised, even at that blasé, gauche age, how lucky I had been," he says. "I had the kind of feeling that perhaps I had only been spared for some purpose, so I had better get on with it and do my best. We're back to that same point again. Whether that's right or not, we'll never know."

TOM KIDD

Fine art: Lord Macfarlane, who in his youth was likened to Clark Gable, with Greta, his wife

Doubts nag bloodstock underwriters

By Jonathan Prynn

IF YOU thought betting on a horse to win a race was an inexact science, try betting on a horse not dying. Names on the specialist bloodstock insurance syndicates at Lloyd's are doing just that, and discovering the odds are moving against them.

Although the losses cannot compare with the headline-grabbing disasters caused by pollution and asbestosis, excess underwriting capacity and a succession of untimely equine fatalities have taken their toll.

One of the leading bloodstock Lloyd's underwriters, non-marine syndicate 156, which is managed by Murray Lawrence, has reported that it was likely to suffer a 15 per cent loss for 1989 with another loss in 1990. In his report to members for the 1988 year of account, Steve Chappell, the underwriter, said that the downward trend of rates had been caused by overcapacity and foolish underwriting.

Terry Minahan, the chairman of Bloodlines, a specialist bloodstock insurance broker, said that premium rates had fallen by at least 40 per cent since 1984 to about 3 per cent for a basic mortality and theft policy.

The market is also being affecting by the stranglehold on the industry by Arab owners. Insurance against death is frowned on by Koranic law and the size of the stables makes paying the premium uneconomic. "If you have hundreds of horses and you expect only 2 or 3 per cent to die you can afford to carry your own risk," said Mr Minahan. Even the Gulf war has had little effect on the massive buying power of the most powerful Arab owners. At the Keeneland yearling sale in July, the four Maktoum brothers accounted for 30 per cent of all the purchases.

The trend towards lower premium income has coincided with a series of major claims. Last November's death of Alydar, the world's most expensive stallion, was to the bloodstock insurance market what Piper Alpha was to excess of loss. Alydar's death cost the London market at least $30 million and is likely to delay for at least another year a return to profit for the specialist bloodstock syndicates. Another valuable horse, Tate Gallery, which was valued at £4 million, had to be destroyed last year.

Despite the gloomy results outlook for 1989 and 1990, names' agents are continuing to support the bloodstock syndicates. Rates are expected to start rising later this year and some capacity has already been squeezed out of the London market, with General Accident one of the first to announce its withdrawal. Names will no doubt be relieved to learn that, in insurance parlance, bloodstock does not have a long tail.

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(*399)	390	22	31	39	12	16	21
	420	7	17	24	30	33	39

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA	390	49	59	66	1	4	8
(*436)	420	20	37	45	2	11	17
	460	2½	15	25	26	30	36
BAT Ind	600	145	143	-	1	2	-
(*743)	650	95	93	113	1	5	9
	700	45	53	77	1	16	23
	750	7	26	49	18	38	45
BTR	390	35	42	53	1	8	11
(*423)	420	8½	23	35	6	19	24
	460	1	8½	16	40	47	50
Br Aero	550	25	40	58	4	20	25
(*568)	600	3	16	33	35	47	52
	650	½	6	17	85	90	93
Br Telecm	330	58	66	69	1	2	3½
(*386)	360	28	40	46	1½	5½	10
	390	4	20	28	8	16	21
Cadbury	360	33	43	54	1	6	9
(*391)	390	9	23	34	7	16	19
	420	1½	10	-	30	35	-
Guinness	900	93	108	135	1	9	16
(*988)	950	44	71	99	2	20	30
	1000	8	39	70	20	41	50
GEC	180	14	20	24	1	3	5½
(*192)	200	2	7½	12	9	12	14
	220	¼	3	5	28½	28½	29
Hanson	200	20	25½	29	1	2½	6½
(*218)	220	3	12	16	4	8½	15
	240	½	4½	7	22	22	29
LASMO	300	25	38	48	1	7½	11
(*322)	330	3½	21	31	10	20	23
	360	1½	8½	21	40	42	43
P & O	300	75	79	89	1½	6½	11
(*375)	350	29	40	57	9	23	28
	400	3	15	32	35	54	59
Pilkington	140	23	29	33	1	3	5½
(*161)	160	4½	14	19	3½	10	15
	180	1	7	11	20	23	27
Prudential	220	40	42	48½	1	2½	3½
(*258)	240	20	25½	33	1½	5	7½
	260	4	13	21	5½	12	13½
Racal	200	26	34	40	1	4½	6½
(*226)	220	8	20	28	4	11	13
	240	2	10	17	18	22	24
RTZ	550	52	63	80	1	9	16
(*596)	600	9	30	46	14	28	32
	650	1	12	26	55	62	62
Scot New	360	62	72	77	1	2	4
(*424)	390	32	47	53	1½	7	11
	420	8	26	34	8	18	23
Tesco	253	24	-	-	1½	-	-
(*276)	280	2½	13	21	8	16	18
	300	½	5	11	28	29	31
Thames W.	350	25	38	47	1½	4½	8
(*372)	370	7	24	32	4	11	15
	400	1½	9	16	28	30	33
Lucas	130	31	35	35	1	2½	4
(*159)	140	21	25	26	1	4	6
	160	4	11	14	5	12	15

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons	460	42	55	64	8	13	19
(*485)	500	18	32	42	24	31	35
	550	4	14	23	65	65	67

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat	260	38	46	52	1½	3	5½
(*295)	280	20	30	37	4	7½	10
	300	8	18	25	12	17	20
Amstrad	45	10	12	13½	1½	3	4
(*53)	50	6½	8½	10½	2½	5	6½
	60	2	4½	6½	8½	11	12
Barclays	420	62	75	87	1	4½	8½
(*475)	460	29	47	57	8	13	20
	500	8	25	40	30	35	39
Blue Circ	240	22	29	37	4	8½	11
(*259)	260	8	18	26	11	16	21
	280	2½	9	17	28	30	33
Br Gas	220	48	54	57	1	1	2½
(*264)	240	28	35	41	1	2½	4½
	260	14	20	25	4½	7	10½
	280	4½	11	15	17	18	20
Dixons	220	36	44	50	1½	4½	7½
(*253)	240	20	30	37	5	11	14
	260	8	19	25	15	20	23
Eurotunnel	420	53	70	65	7	15	22
(*462)	460	24	48	60	22	30	40
	500	10	29	42	43	55	63
Forte	240	39	43	50	1½	3	5
(*277)	260	21	27	34	3	7	9½
	280	8	15	23	9½	16	18
Glaxo	1250	107	140	174	14	32	44
(*1339)	1300	66	108	144	33	48	62
	1350	36	83	114	57	73	84
Hawker	500	90	97	110	2	6½	9
(*584)	550	47	60	75	7	18	23
	600	15	32	45	27	37	44
Hillsdown	200	40	45	50	1	2	3½
(*238)	220	22	28	35	3	6	9
	240	8½	15	23	10	15	18
	260	2	8	-	25	28	-
Lonrho	240	14	23	27	5½	8½	16
(*247)	260	4½	13	17	18	20	27
	280	1½	6½	9½	37	36	42
Midland	180	84	88	93	1	1	2
(*259)	200	64	69	77	1	2	4½
	220	44	52	62	1	4½	7½
	240	27	37	45	4½	10	13
Reuter	700	160	182	198	2½	6	13
(*854)	750	113	142	160	4	14	24
	800	69	102	127	12	28	42
	850	36	72	95	30	48	60
R-Royce	140	18	21	24	3	4½	6
(*156)	160	5	9	13	11	13	16
	180	1½	4	-	28	29	-
Sears	70	15½	17	19	1	2	2½
(*85)	80	7	9½	12	2½	4	5½
	90	2	4	7½	7½	9	10½
Thorn EMI	650	149	164	171	1½	3	6
(*792)	700	100	119	130	2	8	12
	750	56	80	95	7	20	25
	800	23	46	66	26	39	44
TSB	130	28	32	34	1	1½	2
(*155)	140	18	24	26	1½	2½	4
	160	3½	9½	13	8	10	12
Vaal Reefs	60	10	14	15	2½	5	5½
(*$66)	70	4½	8½	10½	7	9½	12
Wellcome	650	92	109	131	4	13½	20
(*732)	700	50	74	98	13	27	37
	750	22	47	70	37	52	60

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elec	160	21	27	30	1	3½	6
(*180)	180	4	13	18	4	9	13
	200	1	6	9	21	24	26

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Nat Power	130	23	28	30	2	3	4
(*151)	140	14	18	20	3	5	7
	160	3	7½	10	12	13	15
Scot Power	100	9	13	-	2	3½	-
(*106)	110	3	7	-	7	7½	-
	120	1½	4	-	15	16	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2620)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Aug	185	135	87	42	12	2½
Sep	205	159	117	74	45	24
Oct	220	177	138	103	73	49
Nov	228	188	152	118	89	67
Dec	-	226	-	153	-	93
Puts						
Aug	1	2	5	11	40	82
Sep	6½	11	18	31	56	91
Oct	18	20	36	52	68	102
Nov	25	34	47	63	86	115
Dec	-	38	-	67	-	115

August 16, 1991 Total: 17177 Calls 10719 Puts 6458 FT-SE: Calls 2035 Puts 1489
*Underlying security price.

Lloyds enters battle with £79m offer for Macarthy

By Martin Barrow

LLOYDS Chemists has entered the battle for Macarthy, the pharmaceuticals retailer and manufacturer, with a cash-and-share offer worth £79.2 million, outbidding both UniChem and Grampian *Holdings*.

Lloyds has received an irrevocable undertaking to accept the offer, which values each Macarthy share at 285p, from *John Govett & Co.* in respect of 16.8 per cent of the company. Macarthy shares rose from 255p to 269p.

Allen Lloyd, chairman and chief executive, said he would continue to seek a recommendation from the Macarthy board. However, John Read, chairman of Macarthy, issued a statement advising shareholders to take no action while "existing offers and other expressions of interest" were considered. In addition to the three existing bidders, Britain's AAH and Medicopharma, of Holland, are believed to be interested.

Lloyds, Britain's second-largest chemist and drugstore group after Boots, is offering *shareholders one new share* and 21p in cash for each Macarthy share. The offer represents a premium of 70 per cent over the Macarthy share price *on* May 21, *the* day before Grampian Holdings, the Scottish conglomerate, launched its £56.5 million bid for the company.

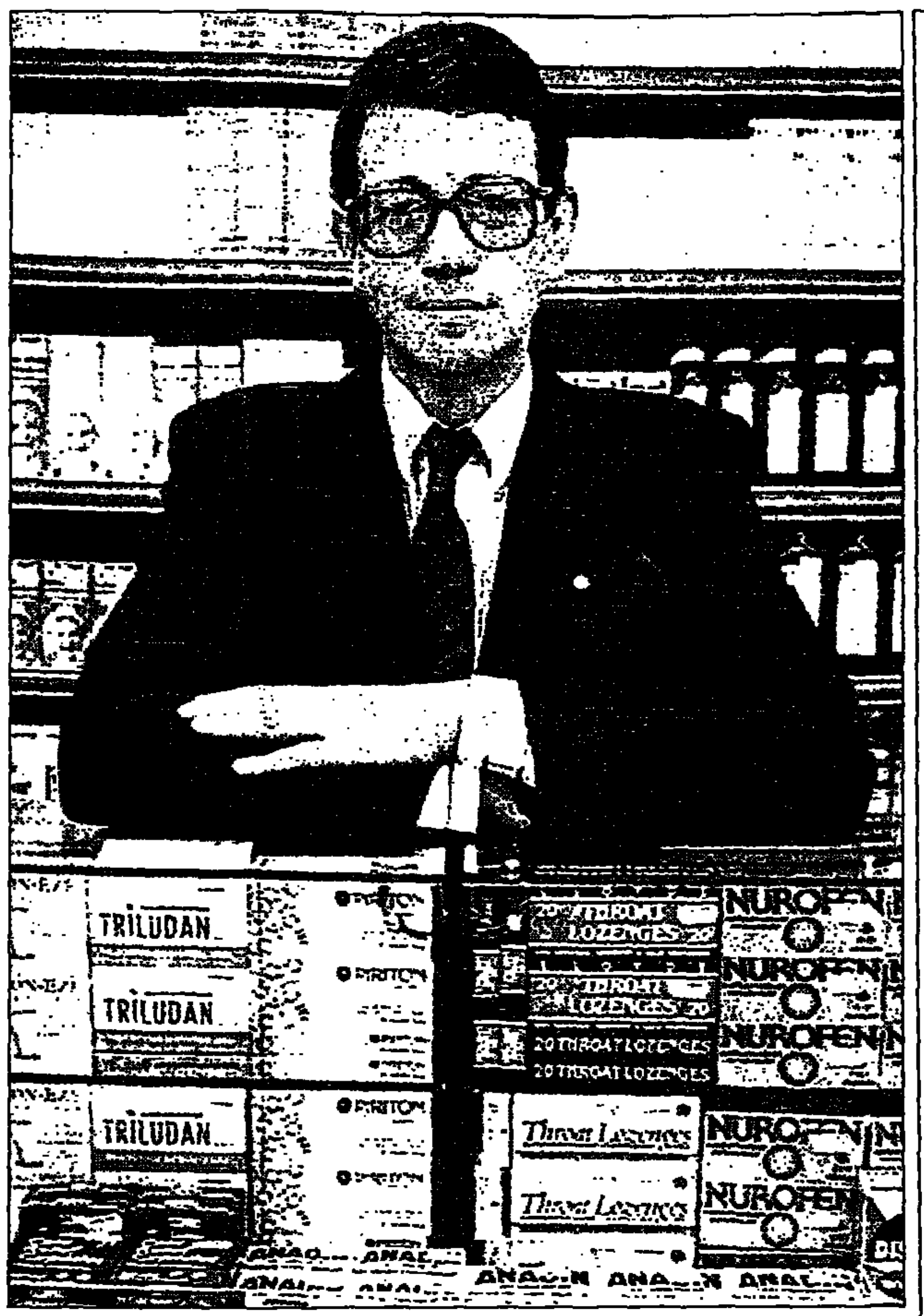
Lloyds also estimated its pre-tax profits for the year to the *end* of June were not less than £20.6 million, an increase of 51 per cent on the previous year. Fully diluted earnings are estimated at not *less than 20.5p a share*, up *18* per cent. Shareholders are promised a final 3p a share dividend, making a total of 4.17p, up from 2.78p.

The bid comes just three months after Lloyds announced the £55 million acquisition of Kingswood-GK, another chemist chain, and a £71.1 million rights issue to finance what was, *until* yesterday, its biggest deal. Lloyds' shares fell from 264p to 246p.

Mr Lloyd said: "The timing *is not of our* making. But we have done large acqisitions before and we are well in control."

The integration of Kingswood is complete and a detailed study of the Macarthy chain had already taken place, including two visits to each outlet to assess retail potential. No store closures are expected as a result of bringing the two groups together, Mr Lloyd said.

Nor does the company expect any regulatory opposition to the takeover. Lloyds, which has no manufacturing interests, calculates the enlarged group will speak for 6.9 per cent of the retail chemist business in the United Kingdom, compared with Boots' share of 9 per cent. Boots speaks for *11* per cent of prescriptions, compared with 7.5 per cent for the combined Lloyds and Macarthy chain.



Seeking agreed bid for Macarthy: Allen Lloyd, chairman of Lloyds Chemists

Abu Dhabi to back BCCHK

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE Abu Dhabi authorities have agreed to guarantee any hidden losses in Bank of Credit and Commerce International's Hong Kong subsidiary, BCCHK, *to assist in* a disposal of the bank.

David Carse, the Hong Kong commissioner of banking, has revealed that he has received at least one formal offer to buy the bank, which would rescue it from liquidation.

"A sale has to happen pretty quickly, but I don't know the time frame. An agreement of *principle* could be signed soon, but deciding on the net assets of the bank would take some time," he said.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and BCCI's main shareholder, has agreed to give any buyer a commercial guarantee to cover any shortfall in the bank's assets or unrecorded liabilities.

Mr Carse said, however, that he was not aware that any significant hidden liabilities had been discovered at the bank by its provisional liquidators.

BCCHK's potential buyers have insisted on these guarantees as part of any deal. Abu Dhabi officials have also emphasised *that price is* not an issue in any sale of the bank.

BCCHK was valued at US$70 million before its closure, but an acquisition is likely to be for much less. Any buyer of *BCCHK would also* have to be prepared for a rush of withdrawals once the bank reopened.

The Hong Kong banking authorities were criticised by bank depositors for their han*dling of the BCCI affair*. They claimed at first that the colony's subsidiary was unaffected by the fraud in the main bank and would remain open.

Within days, however, they reversed their decision and closed branches, triggering mass protests.

Last week Citibank and Standard Chartered suffered heavy runs on their Hong *Kong branches due to the* collapse of depositors' confidence in the colony's banking system.

Payment blow for exporter

THE World Bank has plunged a Leeds trading company into financial difficulties after paying its funds into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International more than two weeks after the bank was closed.

HSL Engineering Services, which exports electrical components to Africa, is trying to recover £25,600 from Touche *Ross, BCCI's provisional* liquidator. The money was due on a consignment of electrical starters for Sudan. The shipment was financed by the World Bank. BCCI was chosen by the Sudanese government as the transfer bank.

The shipment was cleared on July 3, two days before the Bank of England closed BCCI. Staff at BCCI's Leadenhall Street headquarters failed to complete a bankers' draft of £25,600 to HSL before regu*lators ordered them to* leave.

HSL then asked the World Bank to pay the funds direct, or through another bank. But on July 23, the World Bank sent the money to Touche Ross, which has refused to pass on the money to HSL. Touche has told HSL it may be an unsecured creditor. If so, HSL may wait years to receive a fraction of the shipment.

A spokesman for the World Bank said it paid the money on advice of the Sudanese *government*.

The Institute of Export is meeting Freshfields, Touche's solicitor, to lobby for HSL.

TEMPUS

New set of ethical questions hangs over SA investment

ETHICAL funds that in the past have turned their hearts and pockets against South Africa on grounds of conscience *face an ethical* decision of their own.

Now that the apartheid laws have been repealed, and America's Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, which imposed sanctions on a host of American-South African transactions, has been revoked, can ethical funds go into South African investments? And should they?

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange had a market capitalisation of R323 billion (£66 billion at the commercial rate) at the end of June, the average price/earnings ratio was 12, and the average dividend yield was 3.3 per *cent. Goldman Sachs notes* that South African industrial shares have risen by 35.4 per cent since January, and by 29.7 per cent since February *12, 1990*, when Nelson Mandela was released.

Superficially, the JSE is not a steal. But the investment thought runs that if South Africa regains access to the International Monetary Fund, if the economy — freed of sanctions — breaks out of its rut and if political and social peace reigns, then selected investment situations will be worth a second look.

The other side of the coin is *that overseas companies with* South African interests will also benefit, to a lesser or greater extent, from an improved economy. British companies with varying degrees of exposure include BOC, Cadbury Schweppes, Lonrho, Pilkington, and Reckitt & Colman. Relative to its overall worldwide interests, RTZ has a modest — but still rewarding — South African connection.

Happy summer: David Crossland, head of Airtours

Companies of stature that would benefit *if* overseas investment in South African equities increases include Anglo American, Barlow Rand, South African Breweries, and Rembrandt.

A higher world gold price *would also refocus attention* on the market there, and in turn encourage wider and more general interest in non-mining issues quoted in Johannesburg.

Ethical funds that can no longer have any valid objection to South Africa on racial grounds may, one day, move into the market — though their influence per se is not likely to be dramatic.

Meanwhile, the jury is still out on whether now is the time to rush in.

Airtours

COMMON sense suggests that Airtours shares have had *their run* and that *investors* would be wise to lock into some of the profit.

Since March 1, the shares have soared from 173p to a high of 691p, slipping back to 665p yesterday. The rise continued despite *a three-for-*ten rights issue in April and investors who subscribed for new shares at 320p have enjoyed a happy summer.

But cooler analysis of the argument that cleared the *shares for take-off after the* collapse of the rival International Leisure Group, indicates that although prosects for Airtours are certainly *brighter, euphoria has* chased the equity to an unsustainable level of nine times next year's prospective earnings.

Before ILG folded, City forecasts for Airtours, where David Crossland is chairman, were for pre-tax profits of £8.5 million this year, rising to £10 million next year. Post-ILG forecasts *for* next year have increased to about £18 million. While earlier expectations were becalmed by the prospect of a lengthy conflict *in the Gulf, those* war fears have been replaced by concern over a deepening UK recession and rising unemployment well into next year.

ILG expected to carry about 1.5 million holidaymakers a year. For capacity reasons, Airtours, which last year carried 720,000 passengers, would be hard-pressed to cater for much more than an additional *200,000*, even after the £15.4 million share issue.

The *main* beneficiary is likely to be Thomson Travel, Britain's largest operator, while Owners Abroad Group would also expect to gain *200,000 customers*. OAG shares, up from 46p to 197p since March 1, have had a fair run, but buying has been tempered by perceived difficulties with the integration of recently acquired Redwing.

If the industry has entered a golden age, OAG has more upside than Airtours.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kleen-e-ze to make £2.3m rights issue

KLEEN-E-ZE Holdings, the houseware and direct marketer, is making a six-for-five rights issue, at 31p per share, to raise *£2.3 million. Proceeds from* the issue, underwritten by directors, will be used to strengthen the balance sheet and improve information systems. The subscription price is a 12.7 per cent premium to Thursday's closing price.

At the same time, Kleen-e-ze unveiled a reduced pre-tax loss of £428,000 (£548,000 loss) in the *half year to* March 1. The company made an operating profit of £21,000 (£289,000 *loss) on turnover* of £24.6 million (£20.1 million). The loss per share is trimmed to 6.26p (7.4p loss). There is again no interim dividend. Kleen-e-ze forecasts a pre-tax loss of £1.1 million (£4.3 million loss) for the year to August.

TVX drops to $4.4m

TVX Gold, the Toronto mining group, reports net earnings of US$4.4 million for the six months ended June. This compares with an actual $5.6 million reported for the first *half* of 1990, and with $9.1 million net profit on the assumption that the merger with Inco Gold had been effective on January 1, 1990.

Portmeirion falls to £1m

FIRST-HALF pre-tax profits at *Portmeirion Potteries* (Holdings), the Stoke-on-Trent kitchenware, tableware and giftware maker, were £1.01 million (£1.61 million) in the six months to end-June. Earnings per share declined to 6.47p (10.57p), although the interim dividend is maintained at 2.25p. The shares eased 1p to 200p.

Erskine in £4.7m sale

ERSKINE House, the office equipment distributor, is selling its Erskine Office Systems business in a management buyout for £4.7 million, and will refocus on its core photocopier business. *The proceeds* will be used to reduce borrowings.

The deal is financed by Lloyds Development Capital, Gartmore Venture Capital and the Bank of Scotland. Erskine will receive £4 million in cash and another £700,000 in respect of outstanding loans.

Dividend cut at Plasmec

PLASMEC, the specialist USM components maker, has cut its interim dividend to 1p (1.8p) after a slump in pre-tax profits to £5,000 (£202,000) in the six months to end-June. Interest payments rose to £186,000 (£104,000) and turnover to £6.18 million (£5.36 mil*lion). There are nil earnings* per share (2.8p).

Explaura in NY deal

EXPLAURA Holdings, the Canadian quarry group, which last month appointed. Rudolph Agnew chairman and David Singleton managing director, has signed a ten-year exclusive distribution agreement to supply limestone aggregates to a New York building materials *company. The shares rose* 1p to 15½p.

Dunton passes payout

DUNTON Group, the USM-quoted brick maker and property group that was the subject of March's rescue reverse takeover by Holywell Property, a private commercial property investment company, has passed its final dividend (0.52p) as full-year losses deepened.

Pre-tax losses were £4.45 million (£76,000 loss) in the year to end-May. Dunton blamed the recession. The loss per share was 7.74p (0.42p loss) and the company had *also passed its* interim payment (0.48p). The shares lost 1½p to 5p.

Shares at new high

SHARES reached another closing high last night, the broadly based FT-SE 100 index finishing 3.8 up at 2,621, but well below its best of the day (Martin Waller writes). Meanwhile, the London *Stock* Exchange reported that the value of average daily trading in British and Irish shares fell 9 per cent in the second quarter of the year compared with the first.

The Stock Exchange reported a second-quarter average daily total of £1.37 billion. However, this was still a rise of 3.5 per cent on the second quarter of last year. First-quarter trading this year was boosted by heavy buying after *it* became clear that the coalition forces would win the Gulf war.

Average daily turnover in overseas equities during the second quarter rose 9 per cent from the previous quarter to *£1.26 billion. Overall turnover* in *British* and overseas equities fell 1 per cent to £162.6 *billion during the second* quarter from £164.7 billion in the first quarter.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

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Government finances back in the black

Inflation falls to 5.5% for three-year low

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

INFLATION fell to its lowest level for three years in July because of sharp declines in food prices and a half-point cut in mortgage rates.

The official inflation rate fell to 5.5 per cent from the 5.8 per cent recorded in each of the previous two months. With last summer's sharp rises in petrol prices due to drop out of the annual comparison from August onwards, the headline inflation rate seemed well on course to hit the Treasury's year-end target of 4 per cent or less.

However, the government's own preferred measure of "underlying inflation" — the retail price index excluding mortgage interest payments — remained much higher, at 6.8 per cent. This figure was down slightly on the 6.9 per cent reported in June, but higher than May's 6.6 per cent.

The falls in both the headline and underlying inflation rates matched City expectations, so yesterday's figures had little impact on the financial markets.

Most analysts said that inflationary conditions in Britain were well under control, and the prospects for further improvements were clear enough to remove any domestic obstacles to lower interest rates.

Over the next three months, the energy price increases that followed the invasion of Kuwait will be dropping out of the annual comparison. These added 2.7 percentage points to the RPI between August and October last year. In addition, the last cut in mortgage rates will reduce the August RPI by about 0.25 of a point, government statisticians said.

As a result, the annual inflation rate reported for October is almost guaranteed to be much lower than yesterday's 5.5 per cent, even if there is no further slackening in the monthly advance in prices.

As headline inflation continues to fall, however, the external constraint imposed by the European exchange-rate mechanism is likely to take over from the RPI as the dominant factor in the Chancellor's decisions on interest rates

Sterling weakened slightly against the German mark and fell sharply against the dollar yesterday as foreign exchange markets continued to digest the small rise in German interest rates and a slew of American economic statistics this week.

On balance, the Bundesbank's apparent caution and the better than expected American trade figures were taken as bullish for the dollar. The strong speculative selling of marks for dollars left sterling sidelined in the foreign exchanges, but some analysts gave warning that enthusiasm for the pound was waning with each reduction in its interest rate advantage over the mark.

With some officials at the Bundesbank hinting that a further rise in German interest rates might be necessary in the autumn, and the difference between rates in London and Frankfurt down to just 1½ per cent on three-month money, Britain's ability to cut its interest rates might be severely curtailed.

Even so, the lower inflation figures were seen by the Treasury as excellent news in their own right. The Treasury noted that inflation had now almost halved since the peak of 10.9 per cent reached last October and pointed to this as proof that the government's economic strategy was on course.

Officials also maintained that lower inflation would pull the economy out of recession by bolstering consumer confidence and raising real incomes.

In a separate announcement on the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR), the Treasury said yesterday that the government's finances returned to the black last month, but not by as much as expected.

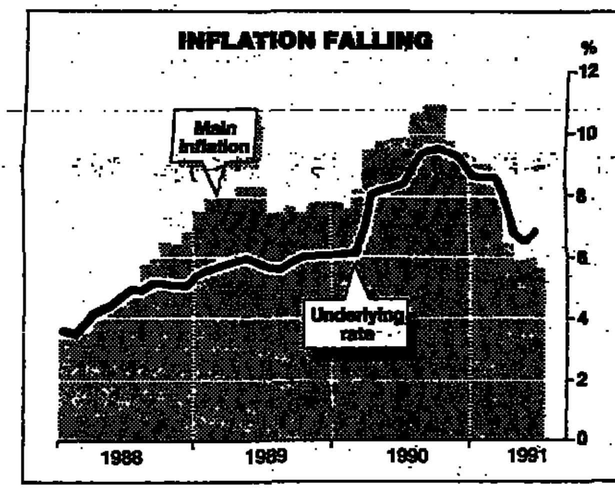
The figures showed a £960 million surplus in July, compared with City predictions of about £2 billion. The PSBR for the first four months of the financial year was £6.1 billion, against £2.9 billion for the same period last year.

The PSBR figure suggests the government will have trouble meeting its Budget target of an £8 billion deficit this year. The City now expects the figure to be closer to £12 billion. The recession has contributed to the drain on government finances by reducing tax revenues and boosting state spending in areas such as unemployment benefits.

The American department of commerce yesterday revealed that the trade deficit dropped 16 per cent during June to $4.02 billion, the lowest in eight years. But May's deficit was revised up to $4.79 billion from the previously reported $4.57 billion.

The June fall reflected a 3 per cent decline in imports to $38.86 billion, while exports fell 1.2 per cent to $34.84 billion.

America also enjoyed better than expected industrial production in July. It rose 0.5 per cent.



Salomon shares halted amid speculation over Gutfreund

From Philip Robinson in New York

NEW York Stock Exchange officials yesterday ordered a halt to the trading of shares in Salomon Brothers, the scandal-hit investment bank, amid widespread speculation that John Gutfreund, the bank's chairman and chief executive, was about to resign.

The exchange said it acted pending news from the bank. But Salomon said: "We have nothing to say at this time." The shares have plunged by almost a third this week and stand at $27⅞.

Three senior executives of Salomon Brothers, which is one of Wall Street's top ten investment banks, admitted on Thursday that they knew the bank had violated dealing rules in the United States Treasury securities market. But they had failed to report it for several months, until an official government investigation had been under way for six weeks.

Initially, Salomon issued a statement saying senior management had no knowledge of the breaches of the law.

The breaches could cost the investment bank its licence to trade in the $2,200 billion Treasury market and could also lay senior managers and other staff open to criminal and civil prosecution.

Mr Gutfreund, Thomas Strauss the bank's president, and John W. Meriwether, the vice-chairman, have admitted knowing of one serious breach of the dealing rules in April.

Salomon says that a decision was taken to inform the authorities at the time, but this was not carried out immediately.

The bank is accused of attempting to corner large quantities of Treasury bonds during the regular monthly auctions of government paper. It is said to have done so in an attempt to drive up the price at which they could sell the bonds on to customers.

Salomon was already losing customers yesterday. Several investment funds run by state authorities have withdrawn business because their charter forbids them from dealing with those under government investigation.

Salomon's staff are worried that their bonuses are at risk, fearing the bank will have to make provision for any financial penalty that may be imposed.

This was to have been a good year for Salomon. One analyst said the bank had been having its best year in terms of profits for some time.

Bond laid bare by Dallhold sale

By Angela Mackay

ALAN Bond's personal assets started falling under the auctioneer's hammer in Perth this week, beginning with small beer like cars and working up to the climax next month, the sale of his extensive collection of modern art.

Part of the car fleet sold on Wednesday included a six-year-old dark blue Mercedes that fetched Aus$60,000 (£28,000) and a 1987 silver grey model that went for Aus$74,000, while a Mitsubishi four-wheel drive and a Hyundai XL were snapped up together for Aus$25,000.

The assets are owned by Dallhold Investments, Mr Bond's family company, which was placed in provisional liquidation in July owing "well in excess of Aus$1 billion" according to the liquidator.

Dallhold, on the other hand, has estimated assets of only Aus$41 million, one third of them paintings such as a Renoir valued at Aus$3.5 million and Aus$5.5 million worth of early Australian art.

Creditors will not be able to get their hands on Dalkeith, the palatial Bond family home, because it is held in trust by a company that belongs to Mr Bond's eldest son, John.

Mr Bond, however, may be forced to ask John to make the ultimate sacrifice because the liquidators on Tuesday ordered the ebullient businessman to repay the Aus$23.5 million he borrowed from Dallhold on his personal account.

If that is not headache enough, several bank creditors have commenced action to try to enforce personal guarantees Mr Bond granted on several hundred million dollars of Dallhold debt.

Bond: final ignominy

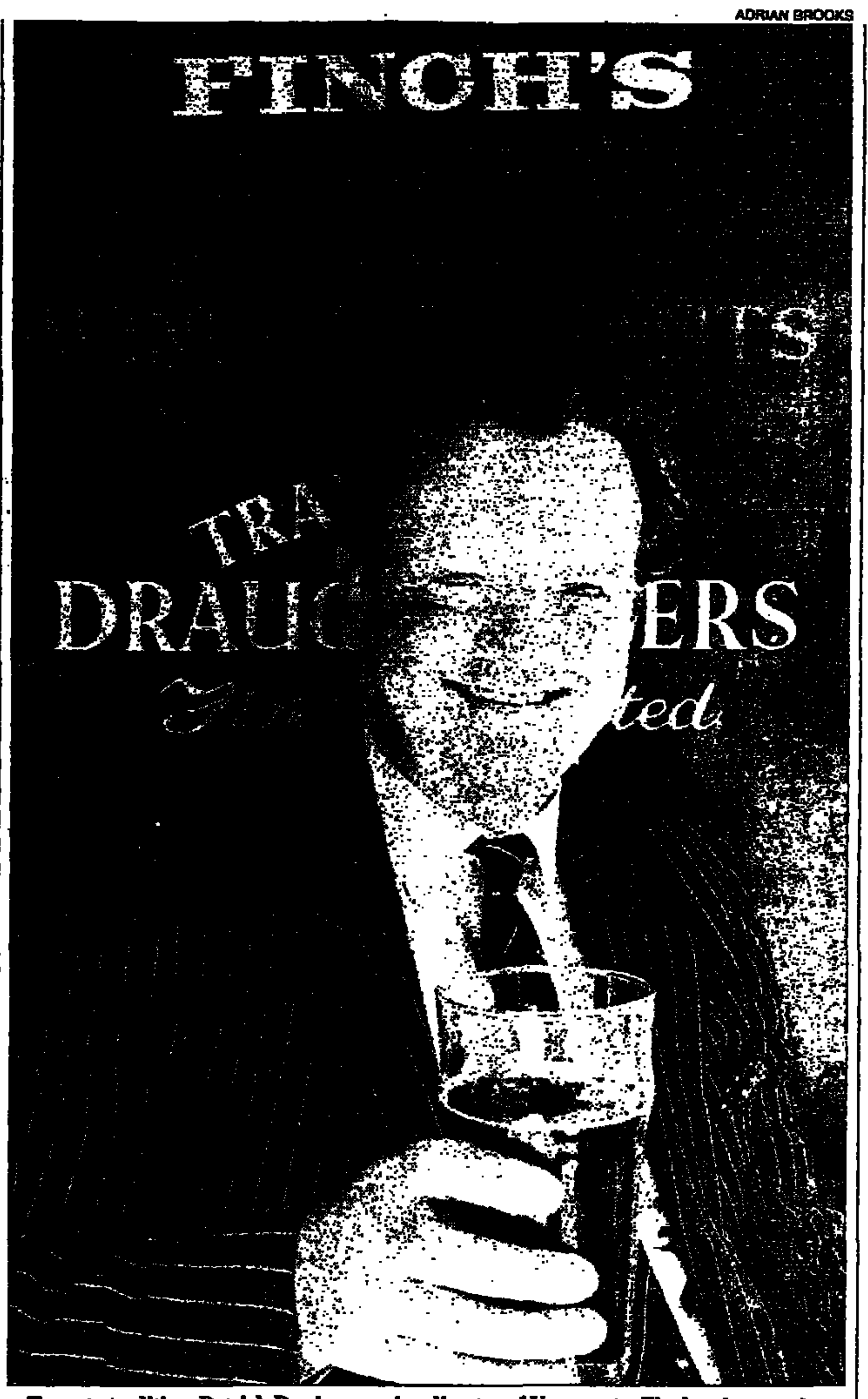
Mr Bond is mostly in Perth these days, his globe-trotting style curtailed somewhat. In contrast, Eileen, his wife, has been spending most of her time on the other side of the country in Queensland, pulling beers in her younger son's public house.

It is not all gloom for shareholders, however. Bond Corp's restructuring plan was finally approved by the courts yesterday after the company avoided delisting by the Australian Stock Exchange when it agreed on Thursday to abide by all the exchange's listing rules.

Bond Corp's creditors will exchange their debt for a combined 90 per cent equity interest in the former brewing, property and resources group. Dallhold will eventually own only about 5 per cent of the restructured company compared with its original holding of 54 per cent.

As for Mr Bond, not only did he resign as chairman last September to appease the creditors after the group lost Aus$3.2 billion in two years, but the creditors now want him to face the final ignominy of having his name erased from the masthead of the company he worked 30 years to build.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Toast to tradition: Patrick Read, managing director of Young, at a Finch pub yesterday

Finch pubs chain sold to Young & Co for £12m

By Matthew Bond

HH FINCH, the private company that owns a number of London public houses and the Bill Bentley chain of wine bars, has been bought by Young & Co, the brewery, for almost £12 million.

The sale brings to an end 126 years of independence at Finch, which was renowned for its traditional pubs.

However, a spokeman for Young's, where Patrick Read is managing director, said yesterday that the brewery planned to maintain the style of the pubs and trade under the Finch name.

He added most customers referred to the company's 22 pubs simply as Finch's, and were hard-pressed to remember the signed names such as The Kings Arms in Fulham Road and the Black Horse in Marylebone High Street.

Young's beers are currently included in the range served in Finch's pubs. The spokesman said a decision on how many other beers would be served alongside the Young's range had yet to be taken.

John Young, the chairman, said: "We are delighted to have acquired such a well established and successful business at a reasonable price. This represents a significant step forward in the further development and realisation of our long-term strategy."

He added that Young had looked at more than 1,000 pubs for sale in and around London, but had concluded that Finch represented the most attractive opportunity.

In the year to end-March, Finch made pre-tax profits of £605,000, which, on a standard tax charge, suggests an exit multiple of about 30.

About £10 million of the consideration is being paid in cash and loan notes, while £1.8 million will be in the form of new non-voting ordinary shares.

The company has net assets of £7.3 million, most of which stems from the group's freehold and leasehold properties. These have a book value of £6.9 million but are, in the opinion of the Finch board, worth more than £9 million.

The vendors of Finch, which include descendants of Henry Hobson Finch, the company's founder, have agreed to retain at least half the shares for two years.

EDS wins fight for SD-Scicon in £162.4m hostile takeover

By Martin Barrow

SD-SCICON, the British software company, has conceded defeat in its battle against a £162.4 million hostile takeover bid from EDS, a subsidiary of General Motors, after the collapse of last-minute negotiations with a substantial shareholder.

EDS claimed victory for its 60p-a-share cash offer after securing acceptances from Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, whose 14.7 per cent shareholding made it the largest uncommitted shareholder.

EDS directly held more than 34 per cent including a 25 per cent stake acquired from British Aerospace.

Morgan Grenfell Asset Management declared its stake in favour of EDS after declining to accept a marginally higher offer, worth 60½p, that was tabled by SD-Scicon earlier this week, on behalf of World Software, a Dutch company.

Keith Percy, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, said that the offer was rejected "after 48 hours of agonising" because World Software would not extend it to other shareholders.

"We could not have deprived other shareholders of an offer," said Mr Percy. "We were uncomfortable with this so we gave 24 hours for them to make a general offer."

When the offer failed to materialise Morgan Grenfell Asset Management accepted EDS's terms, making defeat for SD-Scicon inevitable.

"At 60p the company was more than fully valued," he said.

The decision angered John Jackson, the chairman of SD-Scicon, who says that a different sequence of events took place. He said that, after he had secured the support of shareholders speaking for about 40 per cent, including Prudential, Morgan Grenfell had shown interest in the offer from World Software, but imposed a deadline which had not been met.

"Fund managers have no responsibility other than to their clients," said Mr Jackson. "Matters concerning other shareholders were the board's responsibility, not Morgan Grenfell's. They intruded into our territory. They are also seriously wrong about the value of our company and I hate giving away British companies."

Cookson twin deal cuts debt

By Colin Campbell

COOKSON Group yesterday sold one company and bought another, in moves that will further cut its debt.

AJ Oster, the brass mill products concern, the original 1978 purchase of which brought Richard Oster, now managing director, into Cookson, is being sold to Olin Corporation of America for $82 million cash. The dielectric powers business in Sun Valley, California, owned by Du Pont, is being bought for $15 million.

The latest deals bring to more than £500 million the amount by which Cookson has trimmed its debt, which now stands at £250 million, equivalent to a gearing level in the mid 30 per cent region.

Further asset sales are likely, and the object remains to clip Cookson's gearing to below 30 per cent by the year-end.

Mr Oster, emphasising that the disposal of Oster "was not a fire sale", said that company's brass mill business fitted better with Olin Corporation, while the purchase from Du Pont sat nicely with Cookson's ceramic powders.

Oster had net assets of $54 million at December 31, and reported operating profits of $6.3 million in 1990. The sale was made on approximately 20 times historic earnings.

Cookson shares rose 1p to 113p.

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Ramar to raise £5.8m

By PHILIP PANGALOS

RAMAR Textiles, the women's clothing manufacturer, continued reconstruction with plans to raise £5.8 million through a rights issue and placing, along with management changes and sale of the mail order wholesale division.

The group, which recently unveiled losses of £5.8 million for the nine months to end-March after significant exceptional provisions, will use the proceeds to strengthen its balance sheet.

Ramar proposes to raise £3.2 million gross through a rights issue on a five-for-two basis at 8p a share. A placing of 40.1 million new ordinary shares, at 8p per share, has been arranged and will raise a further £3.2 million gross.

Ramar also confirmed the sale, subject to shareholder approval, of its mail order *wholesale division to the management* for about £360,000. Ramar will now concentrate on supplying Marks and Spencer, which will account for about 90 per cent of its business.

In addition, the board has been strengthened with the appointment of *Ronald Metzger* as chairman and finance director. Mr Metzger said the proposals, which are being put to *shareholders, are "essential to* the survival of the company".

Ramar shares added 1p to 15p.

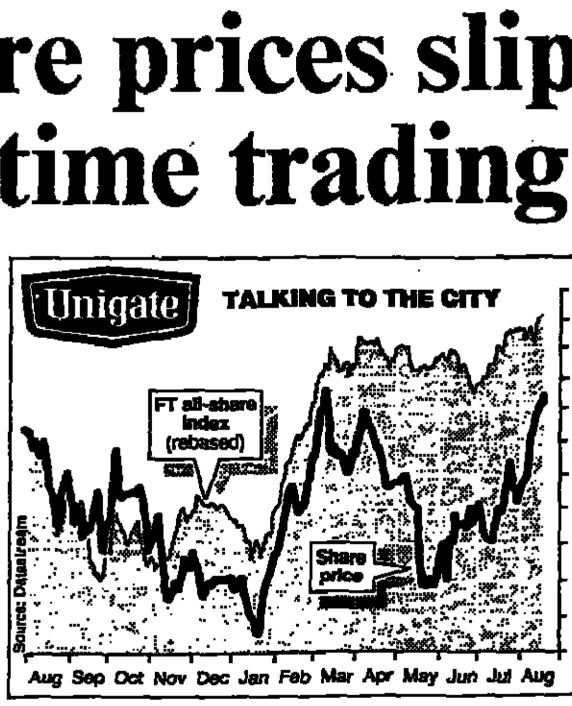
STOCK MARKET

Share prices slip from all-time trading high

THE equity market extended this week's record-breaking run, with investors still drawing strength from the growing optimism about the economy. Prices touched an all-time trading high of 2,630.0. But an opening fall on Wall Street saw them close below their best. The FT-SE 100 index finished 3.8 points up at a closing peak of 2,621.0 with 507 million shares changing hands. The FT index of 30 companies shed 0.7 of a point to 2,041.9.

Dealers said that conditions remained firm but investors were unwilling to open posit*ions before the weekend*. The inflation figures turned out to be disappointing and were given scant regard by brokers. Government securities nursed falls of £¼ at the longer end, upset by the news on the PSBR. On Monday, all eyes will be on the retail sales figures.

Unigate, the transport and dairy products group, rose 7p to 327p before a series of meetings with City analysts, starting on Monday. Ross Buckland, *the recently* appointed chief executive, is not *letting the grass grow* under his feet and has already put several parts of the business up for sale, including the Arlington car rental division and the poultry business. Brokers believe that he would like to hive off any peripheral and unprofitable businesses. He is expected to outline his strategy at the meetings during the next couple of weeks, which, investors hope, could lead to a re-rating of the shares.



BAT Industries a markdown before rallying to finish only 5p lighter at 742p after the news that insurance companies in California must pay back $2.5 billion to policyholders. BAT is one of the big insurers in California through its Farmers Group subsidiary, America's third largest car and home insurance business.

The big four clearing banks were squeezed higher as dealers tried to shut down their bear positions. **Barclays Bank** firmed by 5p to 475p, **Lloyds** 1p to 394p, **Midland** 12p to 259p, and ***National*** **Westminster** 2p to 347p. The only black spot was **Standard Chartered**, down 4p at 364p, on mounting speculation about further bad debt provisions.

Lloyds Chemists has joined the battle for **Macarthy**, the pharmaceuticals *distributor*. Lloyds is offering 285p a share, valuing the group at almost £80 million. The bid tops the offer from **UniChem** by 9 per cent and the one from ***Grampian*** by 21 per cent and has received the approval of *John Govett, Lloyds's biggest* shareholder, with 17 per cent *of the shares. Macarthy gained* 14p to 269p while Lloyds fell 18p to 246p. Hopes that Grampian will not want to become involved in a costly auction lifted its shares 5p to 187p while UniChem firmed 1p to 165p.

News that planning permission had been granted for a 400-acre water park in the *Cotswolds lifted* ***John Laing*** A 10p to 258p and **Granada *Group*** *3p to 170p. The two* have established the project as a joint venture.

Hays, the business systems group, held steady at 147p as the Kuwait Investment Office decided to reduce its holding.

MICHAEL CLARK

ML Holdings, the electronics and aerospace group, spent a volatile day, touching 49p before racing ahead to 73p and finally closing 9p lower at 53p. ML blamed a badly handled selling order for 250,000 shares, claiming that market-makers caught wind of the *sale and took evasive action. By the close, only* 91,000 shares had been traded.

Dow falls 6 points in early trading

New York
SHARES fell in morning trading after a slightly firmer opening. The Dow Jones industrial average retreated by *6 points* to 2,992.43 after gaining 2 points to 3,000.43. Bond prices also weakened. Rising and falling shares were about evenly matched. The exchange delayed trading in Salomon Inc, pending news. But a Salomon spokeswoman said the company had "nothing to release at this time".

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices closed easier. The Nikkei index was down 204.31 points, or 0.89 per cent, to 22,814.37. Turnover was an estimated 200 million shares, down from 220 million on Thursday. The Nikkei has lost 620.25 points, or 2.65 per cent, on the week.

The German interest rate rise overnight and Japan's July money supply growth were both within expectations and did not hinder or raise hopes for lower Japanese rates.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Prices closed marginally lower, to end another record-breaking week without the bang most analysts had been predicting. The Hang Seng index closed 10.06 points down at 4,063.28, more than 15 points off a record set on Wednesday. The broader Hong Kong index fell 7 points to 2,661.42.

☐ **Sydney** — The market closed higher due to buying by local and overseas investors before the federal budget on Tuesday. The all-ordinaries *index rose 9.9 points to* 1,566.9.

☐ **Frankfurt** — *Shares calmly* digested Thursday's interest rate rise by the Bundesbank, defying both the bulls and the *bears by ending almost un*changed. The Dax index lost just 0.96 to 1,653.33.

☐ **Singapore** — The market took another pounding, with prices retreating across the board on nervous selling. The Straits Times industrial index declined 24.09 points, or 1.7 per cent, to 1,393.74. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Aug 16 midday	Aug 15 close		Aug 16 midday	Aug 15 close		Aug 16 midday	Aug 15 close
Abbott Lab	54%	54%	Enron	62%	62%	Oryx Enrgy	32%	33
Aetna Life	37%	37%	Entergy	24%	24%	Pac Ent	28%	28%
Ahmanson	19%	20%	Ethyl	23%	23	Pac Gas Elec	27%	27%
Air Prods	65%	65	Exxon	57%	57%	Pac Telesis	42%	42%
Albertsons	42%	41%	Fed NMA	59%	60	Paccar	46%	46%
Alcan Al	20%	20%	Fedrl Expre	40%	40	Pacificorp	21%	21%
Alco Stand	32%	32%	Flt Norstar	25%	25%	Pall	38%	38%
Allied Signal	38	37%	Fluor	42%	42%	Paramount	37%	38%
Alumin CA	68%	67%	FMC	48%	48%	Parker-Hanin	28%	28%
Am Brands	43%	43%	Ford Motor	31%	31%	Penney	51%	52%
Am Cyanmd	64	64%	FPL	33%	33%	Pennzoil	69%	73%
Am EPC	29%	29%	Fst Chicago	27%	27%	Pepsico	32%	32%
Am General	39%	38%	Fst Intrsta	35	34%	Pfizer	64%	65%
Am Home	62%	63	Fst Union	26	25%	Phlps Pet	25%	25%
Am Intl	64	64%	Gannett	45%	46%	Philips Elec	20%	20%
Am Stores	40%	41%	GAP	42%	42%	Phlp Morris	71%	72
Amax	20	20	Gen Cinema	21%	22	Phlps Dodge	64%	65%
Amer Hess	56%	56%	Gen Elec	72%	72%	Pitney Bow	60%	60%
Ameritech	61%	61%	Gen Mills	62%	62%	Placer Dm	12%	12%
Amex	26%	27	Gen Motors	37%	38%	PNC Fncl	40%	40%
Amoco	51%	51%	Gen RE	87%	87	Pnhdle Estn	12%	12%
AMP	52%	51%	Gen Signal	42%	42	Polaroid	26%	25%
AMR	60%	60%	Genuine Pts	41%	41%	PPG Inds	53%	54
Anheuser-B	52%	52%	Georgia-Pac	54%	55%	Prctr Gmble	82%	82%
Apple Comp	53%	54%	Gillette	41%	41%	Price	61%	61%
Archer-Dan	23%	23%	Goodrich	43%	43%	Primerica	33%	33%
Arkla	16%	16%	Goodyear	35%	36%	Pub Service	27%	28%
Armco	4%	4%	Grace	37%	37%	Quaker Oats	59	58%
Armstrong	32%	32%	Greyhound	35	35%	Ralston Pur	50%	50%
Asarco	24	24%	Gt Atlantic	40	39%	Raychem	29%	29
Ashland Oil	29%	30%	Gt Western	20%	20%	Raytheon	85%	85%
AT&T	38%	39%	GTE	29%	29%	Reebok	30%	31%
Atlan Richfld	115%	115%	Hallbrtn	38	38%	Roadway	50	50%
Auto DP	31%	32%	Heinz	41%	40%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	23%	23%	Hercules	41%	41%	Rohm Haas	43%	43%
Avon Prod	46%	46%	Hershey Fd	41%	41%	Royal Dutch	79%	79%
Baltimore	30%	30%	Hewlett Pkd	50%	54%	Rubbermaid	57%	58%
Banc One	45%	45%	Hilton Htl	38%	38%	Rynlds Mtl	59	59%
Bankamerica	42%	42%	Home Depot	50%	51%	Safeco	35%	37%
Bard	24%	24%	Homestake	15%	15	Salomon	26%	26%
Barnett Bk	34%	34	Honeywell	56%	56%	Sant Fe Pac	9%	9%
Bausch Lmb	44%	44%	Houston Ind	38%	38%	Sara Lee	43%	43%
Baxter Intl	35%	35%	Hsehld Intl	55%	55%	Schecorp	42%	42%
Bec Dickin	69%	69%	Humana	31%	31%	Schlumbgr	67%	67%
Bell Atlan	47%	47%	IBM	97%	96%	Schrg-Plgh	54%	54%
Bellsouth	47%	47%	IF&F	83%	84%	Scott Papr	39%	40
Bkr Hughes	24%	24%	Illinois TW	59%	60	Seagram	110%	110%
Black Decker	16%	16%	Inco	34%	34%	Sears Rbk	41%	40%
Block	57%	57%	Ingsol-Rand	47%	47%	Secrty Pac	34	34%
Bnkrs Tst NY	59%	59	Inland Steel	21	21%	Shrwn-Wlms	24%	24%
Boeing	47%	47%	Intel	49	49%	Skyline	14%	14
Boise Casc	25%	25%	Intl Paper	68%	67%	Snap-on Tls	33%	33%
Borden	36%	36%	ITT	59%	59%	Southern	27%	27%
Brist-Myer	86	86%	James River	21%	22%	St Paul	65%	65%
Browng-Fer	26%	26%	Johnsn Jhsn	90%	91%	Stanley Wk	40%	39%
Burl Nth	30%	30%	K Mart	43%	44	Stone Cntr	19%	19%
CAI	9%	9%	Kellogg	107%	106%	Sun Co	30%	30%
Campbell Sp	82%	82%	Kerr-McGee	41%	41%	Suntst Bk	33%	33%
Cap Cities	449	450	Kimbly-Clrk	93%	93%	Super Valu	29%	29%
Capital HC	46%	46%	Knight-Ridr	54%	53%	SW Bell	54	54
Carolina	47%	47%	Lilly	79%	79%	Syntex	45	45%
Caterpillar	47	47%	Limited	28%	28%	Sysco	44%	44%
CBS	164	164	Lin Brdcstg	71%	70%	Tandem	12%	12%
Central SW	47%	47%	Lincln Nat	48%	46	Tandy	25%	26
Champion	26%	26%	Litton Ind	83%	85	Tele-comm	13%	13%
Chase Man	21	21%	Lockheed	44%	44%	Teledyne	19%	19%
Chem Bnkg	27%	28	Louis-Pac	42%	42%	Temple-In	44%	45
Chevron	69%	68%	Manu Hano	31	31%	Tenneco	40%	40%
Chrysler	12	12%	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	62%	62%
Chubb	68%	67%	Marsh Mclen	78%	78%	Texas Inst	31%	32
Cigna	44	44	Martin Mar	57%	57%	Texas Util	37%	38
Citicorp	16	15%	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	33%	32%
Clbrne Liz	43%	43%	May Dept	56%	56%	Time Wrnr	85%	85%
Clorox	40%	40%	Maytag	15%	15	Times Mirr	31%	31%
Cmwlth Edis	38%	38%	McDnl Doug	50%	50%	Timken	26	25%
CNA Fincl	79%	79	McDonalds	32%	32%	Torchmark	49%	49%
Coastal	30	30%	McGraw-Hill	55%	55%	Toys R Us	32%	32%
Coca-Cola	63%	63%	MCI Com	29%	29%	Transam	33%	33%
Colgate-Pal	39%	39%	Mead	33	33%	Travelers	20%	20%
Columb Gas	17%	17%	Medtronic	124%	125	Tribune	47%	46%
Compaq	35	35%	Mellon Bk	33%	33%	TRW	43%	43%
Conagra	46%	46%	Melville	46%	47	Tyco Lab	40%	40%
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	125%	125%	UAL	139%	138%
Cons NG	38%	38%	Merl Lynch	41%	41%	Un Camp	42%	42%
Cons Rail	69	69%	Minnesota	86%	86%	Un Carbide	21%	21%
Cooper Ind	52%	53%	Mobil	66%	67%	Un Pacific	85%	85%
Corning	65%	66	Monsanto	72%	72%	Unilever	79%	80
CPC Intl	90	90%	Moore	26	25%	Unisys	4%	4%
Crown Cork	84%	84%	Morgan JP	54%	53%	Unocal	24%	24%
CSX	48%	49%	Motorola	67%	68%	Upjohn	44%	45
Dana	29%	30%	Nat Medical	46%	46%	US Life	41	41%
Dayton-Hud	73%	73%	Nat Semi	5%	5%	US West	38%	38%
Deere	51%	51%	Nat Service	24%	24%	Usair Gp	12	11%
Delta Air	66	67%	Navistar	2%	3	USF&G	6%	6%
Deluxe	45%	45%	NCNB	37%	38	UST	47%	46%
Detroit Ed	29%	29%	NCR	108%	109	USX Mar	29	28%
Digital Eq	63	62%	NBD Bncp	42%	42%	Utd Tech	46%	46%
Dillard	130	129%	Newmnt Min	37%	37%	Utd Telcm	25%	25%
Disney	117%	119%	Niagr Mhwk	16%	16%	VF	31	30%
Dominion	51	51	Nike	46%	46%	Wal-Mart	49%	49%
Donnelley	45%	46%	NL Indstrs	16%	16%	Waste Mgmt	37%	37%
Dover	36%	36%	Nordstorm	49%	50	Wells Fargo	78%	80
Dow Chem	53%	53%	Norflk Sthn	46%	46%	Westg Elec	23%	23%
Dow Jones	26%	26%	Norwest	32%	32%	Weyerhsr	27%	27%
Dresser Ind	21%	22	Nthn St Pwr	37	37%	Whirlpool	35%	36
Du Pont	47%	48%	Nthn Telcm	38%	38%	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	30%	30%	NY Times	22	22%	Winn-Dixie	35%	35%
Dun Bradst	44%	44%	Nynex	75%	75%	Woolworth	29%	29%
East Kodak	43%	43%	Occid Petrl	23%	24	Wrigley	61%	61%
Eaton	62%	62%	Ohio Ed	19%	19%	Wrnr-Lamb	68%	69
Emerson El	47%	47%	Oracle Sys	10	9%	Xerox	55%	55%

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 5	August 16	November 7	November 18

Call options were taken out on: 16/8/91 ADT, Blacks Leisure, Euro.Leisure, Hartstone Group, Norcros, Racal Telecom, T Robinson, Sears. Put: Simpsons.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,447	Cadbury	1,991	Lonrho	933	Royal Bank	2,994
Alld-Lyons	2,332	CU	178	Lucas	2,558	Royal Ins	2,043
Anglian	*902*	*Courtaulds*	*512*	*M&S*	*3,283*	*Sainsbury*	*3,278*
ASDA	2,297	Enterprise	1,031	Maxwell Cm	218	Scot & N	1,164
AB Foods	875	Eurotunnel	364	MEPC	83	Scot Power	5,447
Argyll	*4,473*	*Fisons*	*1,871*	*Midland*	*5,940*	*Sears*	*2,038*
Arjo Wigg	1,542	Forte	1,876	Natl Power	5,012	Severn Trnt	1,722
BAA	1,113	Gen Acc	961	Nat West	3,833	Shell	2,051
BET	*1,958*	*GEC*	*4,439*	*N W Water*	*2,024*	*Smith & N*	*1,975*
BTR	3,872	Glaxo	1,460	P&O	2,831	SK Beech	1,276
BAT	2,219	Grand Met	2,689	Pearson	188	Sun Allnce	498
Barclays	*2,417*	*GUS 'A'*	*403*	*Pilkington*	*4,868*	Tarmac	2,377
Bass	449	GRE	2,815	PowerGen	2,686	Tate Lyle	1,276
BICC	448	Guinness	1,686	*Prudential*	*1,830*	TSB	1,088
Bk Scotlnd	*1,105*	*Hanson*	*2,809*	*Racal*	*4,252*	Tesco	3,101
Blue Circle	2,988	Hawker	500	Rank	839	Thames Wtr	2,244
BOC	356	Hillsdown	1,584	R&C	165	Thorn EMI	1,859
Boots	3,825	ICI	596	Redland	1,055	*Trafalgar*	*1,577*
Br Aero	590	Inchcape	365	Reed	1,090	Ultramar	1,409
Br Airways	1,895	Kingfisher	1,683	Rentokil	24	Unilever	1,899
Br Gas	2,445	Lasmo	512	Reuters	1,228	United Bis	1,838
Br Petrol	5,318	Ladbroke	3,620	RMC Gp	37	Wellcome	173
Br Steel	4,937	Land Sec	496	RTZ	1,302	Whitbrd	567
Br Telecm	1,241	L&G	451	R-Royce	1,744	Williams	1,292
C&W	1,357	Lloyds	2,924	Rothmans 'B'	235	Willis Cor	588

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2976.52 (−21.91)*
S&P Composite .... 386.29 (−3.04)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 22814.37 (−204.31)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4063.28 (−10.06)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1122.42 (+1.83)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 92.6 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO .... 1566.9 (+9.9)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1653.33 (−0.96)
Brussels:
General .... 5737.66 (+8.90)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 543.6 (−4.8)
London:
FT.—A All-Share ...... 1254.97 (+2.36)
FT.— "500" .... 1389.67 (+2.39)
FT. Gold Mines .... 179.4 (+2.2)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 94.52 (+0.02)
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.55 (+0.02)
Bargains 29845
SEAQ Volume 507.2m
USM (Datastream) .... 125.12 (+0.48)

*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	120
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	20
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	184 +6
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107
Culver Hldgs (4p)	7½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	*101*
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eidos	38
East Germany Inv (100p)	111 +3
Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	246
Fleming Emerg Mkt	97 −1
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109
Gartmore Cap (100p)	109
Geared Inc (100p)	104
Greencore	233
Greenwich Res	17
Headline Book (100p)	129 +1
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	313
Manchester Utd (385p)	267
Mirror Group (125p)	109
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Oryx Gold	256
Simpson of Cornhl	51
Sterling Tst	46
Tollgate	92
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	*40*
US Smaller	103

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alan Paul N/P	¼
Bimec Ind N/P	22½
Explaura N/P	1 −¼
Howden N/P	11½ +2
Mountleigh N/P	¼
Navan Res N/P	1¼
Wheway N/P	1¼ +½

(Issue price in brackets).

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 071-837 6494 Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.36	16.17	+0.02	..
Bear	15.43	16.25	+0.00	..
Owl	15.70	16.53	+0.07	..
Bull	14.38	15.15	..	..
Stag	14.73	15.51	−0.02	..
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity	270.0	284.3	+2.4	..
Cash	188.2	198.2	+0.4	..
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	247.6	260.7	+1.2	..
Can Life Int Fd	256.2	269.7	+0.4	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	97.6	103.3	+0.4	..
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Prop Series 2	162.1	180.9	+1.1	..
Fixed Int	131.5	139.2	+0.7	..
Cash	135.1	143.0	−0.1	..
Managed Pens	431.5	438.3	+7.22	..
Overseas	120.4	127.4	+2.0	..
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
[illegible]				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE 41 Tower Hill London EC3N 4HA 071-702 9861				
Managed	126.7	133.3	+0.9	..
Do Pens	141.5	148.9	+1.2	..
UK Equity	116.3	122.4	+0.6	..
Do Pens	121.6	128.0	+0.9	..
International	107.1	112.7	+0.6	..
Do Pens	110.2	116.0	+0.5	..
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap		457.6	+1.3	..
Do Accum		662.7	+2.3	..
Property Cap		177.4	..	..
Do Accum		260.7	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest Cap		171.0	−0.1	..
Do Accum		240.5	..	..
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl Assurance Hse, Thorpe Wood Peterborough PE3 6BA 0733 68212				
Inv Prop Dist	139.4	146.8	+0.5	..
Do Accum	222.1	233.8	+0.5	..
Inv Equity	664.4	699.3	+14.1	..
Inv Managed	605.5	638.2	+7.8	..
Ret Managed	657.2	691.8	+7.8	..
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Japan Perf	223.3	235.1	−4.3	..
Japan Smlr	195.1	205.5	−5.2	..
Nat High	235.1	247.5	+3.7	..
Prop Shs	132.5	139.3	+0.9	..
Smaller Cos	180.3	189.8	+0.8	..
Managed Gth	203.8	214.5	+1.2	..
Gilt	69.9	73.6	+0.3	..
Amer (35,34)	173.0	182.2	+1.0	..
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	230.5	242.7	+0.3	..
Equity	769.9	810.5	+13.6	..
European	118.5	124.8	+0.3	..
Far East	116.0	122.2	−1.3	..
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WEEKEND MONEY

THE TIMES SATURDAY AUGUST 17 1991

Fimbra gives brokers a churning

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Investors may be a teensy weensy bit safer as a result of disciplinary action taken by the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra). It has ordered a broker to pay £365,000 for allegedly switching clients from a broker bond to a managed unit trust to earn extra commission.

Churning has long been a money-earner for less reputable investment salesmen. Now some may think twice about it. It is usually the investors who pay, although they often do not realise how much it costs them.

The low sale or surrender price for one investment reduces the amount that can be invested in the new product, even before the commission and setting-up costs of the second are taken into consideration. The clients of Fisher Prew-Smith, the broker, are now to receive £335,000 to compensate them for the transfer of their money without their permission.

A further £30,000 is to be paid in fines and costs to the regulator. The broker had originally appealed against the ruling and compensation, but this week gave up the fight. It is the first case where a broker has been publicly ordered to make a substantial refund to investors for churning. The case involved more than 1,000 clients, making it easier for Fimbra to spot than the more usual day-to-day movement of money.

Fimbra says it is vigilant during compliance visits in trying to spot signs of churning. If it appears funds are moved around a lot questions will be asked, the regulator says.

Investors should also ask any financial adviser for the reasons behind any switches made or suggested. While the commission earned by investment advisers remains hidden from view at the time the recommendation is made, clients need to be on their guard that commission is not coming ahead of their interests in the broker's mind. It is never too late to question investment decisions.

Investors looking back over the years who are concerned about the movement of contracts should first of all contact their broker for an explanation. If no satisfactory reason is given for switching then the firm's regulator should be told.

If churning is suspected there is now a precedent for a refund. After all, a few fees-led switches can be very damaging to an investment portfolio. Too often the losses are only discovered at the time the money is needed.

No change

The new taxpayer's charter is a missed opportunity. It is easy to make fine-sounding promises about fairness, efficiency and accountability, but in reality the charter is toothless. None of its promises is legally binding. There are no penalties for Revenue staff who fail to abide by the charter. The Revenue has set itself no time limits for replying to correspondence, which it admits is one of the main reasons dealings with the tax office are often so protracted. There are also no specific rules set out for taxpayers who have paid too much and who are owed money with interest by the Revenue.

The public will have little reason to revise its opinion that the taxman does not practise what he preaches and is much keener on getting the money in than on paying it out. Target times for replying to correspondence and paying refunds are being published, but no time limit has been set for their publication.

The Revenue excuses the tardiness of some of its dealings with the claim that some departments are better at responding to letters than others, which means "there is no point in rigid turnround times". If the work of some departments is more complex than others then the department should analyse the time it needs to deal with queries and work within that limit.

Nothing appears to have changed for taxpayers, who should already be receiving the sort of service set out in the charter and who should demand nothing less from a public service that plays such an important and dominant role in people's lives.

If the taxpayer's charter was to be anything more than a publicity stunt, it should have set Revenue staff targets for replying to correspondence and paying refunds.

The charter should also have simplified the long-winded complaints procedure, which gives taxpayers no means of independent redress except from the parliamentary ombudsman, who has to be contacted indirectly by an MP.

Borrowers must foot bill for repossession

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

NICK MALAND

'There's little conflict over the value put on properties'

BY THE end of June, mortgage lenders had 53,000 repossessed properties on their books from people who could not keep up with their payments. Currently, they are selling 1,500 a month, but repossessions are racing ahead and the stockpile is increasing.

Many mortgagees believe that losing their home is the end of the line and that by relinquishing their keys they can leave behind the terrible financial strain they have been suffering. Until the property is sold, however, their problems may not be over. Mortgage interest continues to build up and will be set against the sale price, along with the costs of the sale arranged by the lender and any expenses incurred in the upkeep of the property.

Where the property fetches less than the mortgage, it is the lender or the insurance company that issued a mortgage guarantee or indemnity policy that stands the loss. If the homebuyer put down a substantial deposit, it is the money they hope to use to start again that is eroded.

In some cases, where the lender or insurance company believes that the borrower could afford to meet the mortgage payments but has chosen not to because the value of the property has fallen to below the mortgage debt, they may sue the defaulter.

An increasing number of homebuyers have reneged on their mortgages in the belief that the lender will stand the loss and they can start again.

From this week, the Council of Mortgage Lenders has established a register of people who have had properties taken into possession by their lender either voluntarily or with a court order. Previously they would have been able to walk away from a mortgage involving a loss on a property and start again with a new loan from another lender.

The vast majority of repossessions involve genuine hardship. The fact that 50 per cent of properties were voluntarily handed over could give the wrong impression, said Mark Boléat, director general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders. Many gave up their keys when a court hearing was imminent rather than face the proceedings.

Frank Bartlett, head of lending services at the Woolwich Building Society, stressed that lenders did not apply for possession orders without exploring every means of resolving the problem. "We know that the courts will not give an order if every avenue has not been explored," he said.

During the first six months of the year, lenders applied for 87,459 court orders, up 38 per cent, and got these in 33,778 cases, a rise of 53 per cent.

There are strict rules on how properties taken into possession are handled. Mr Bartlett said: "They are sold for the best possible price. Building societies have a statutory duty to do so. Other lenders have a common law duty to do so."

Lenders are also expected to dispose of properties as quickly as possible to avoid excessive interest being logged up.

An independent valuation of the property is obtained. In some cases lenders accept the valuation of an estate agent that is owned by the society instructed to sell the property.

Mr Bartlett said that usually there was little conflict over the value put on a property because the borrower had been trying to sell it and knew how difficult the property market was.

Typically, properties take three to four months to sell, but others could sell more quickly. Those that took longer were usually in areas where there was a surfeit of properties on the market. Some were in poor condition and became more stale the longer they were on the market, Mr Bartlett said.

Auctions of repossessed properties have been held, but most lenders try to avoid letting prospective buyers know a property's history as this can knock the price achieved. The home owner might be able to argue that the best price had not been achieved where a property was auctioned since ordinary homebuyers tend to avoid such sales. They attract speculators looking for bargains. For this reason lenders usually use auctions as a last resort.

Terms and conditions applying to repossessions are supplied to borrowers when a mortgage offer is accepted. Those of the Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, are typical. They state that the society can take possession if there is a default in payment for two months.

The fact that there are about 60,000 borrowers more than a year in arrears indicates the reluctance of mortgage lenders to foreclose as soon as they are legally entitled to do so.

Court actions increase as the recession heads north

THE number of court actions and possession orders in the Midlands and the North increased at a greater rate than those in London and the Southeast in the first six months of this year. This is due to the deepening effects of the recession reaching all parts of the country (Sara McConnell writes).

Figures from the Lord Chancellor's office show that possession orders on homes in the west of England nearly doubled from 1,222 in the first half of 1990 to 2,223 in the first half of 1991. There were also sharp increases in possession orders served in the Midlands, Wales and the Northeast. London and the Southeast got off comparatively lightly. Possession orders in London rose by 41 per cent and in the southeast counties by 42 per cent.

The sharpest increases in numbers of home owners taken to court by lenders was in Wales and Chester, which showed a 51 per cent rise from 7,817 to 11,822 in the first half of each year.

Northern and western England both showed a 47 per cent increase. In the Southeast counties, 24,452 court actions were initiated by lenders, a figure only 28 per cent higher than the same period in 1990.

Suspended orders, which allow a lender to take possession if the home owner does not uphold agreements to pay reached in court, were up 78 per cent in Wales and Chester, 62 per cent in the southeast counties and 51 per cent in the Northeast.

Figures from a building society in the North confirm the Lord Chancellor's findings. Repossessions are no longer a phenomenon of the South.

The number of homes in the north of England and Scotland repossessed by the Skipton Building Society rose dramatically over the last six months, and this trend looks set to continue at least until the end of the year, the society said this week.

The repossessions book of the Skipton, the 16th largest society, showed that homes in the north accounted for 66 per cent of repossessions in the first six months of 1991 while those in the south represented 34 per cent. The Northwest has been particularly hard hit, with repossessions in Lancashire and Merseyside accounting for nearly one in five of the total so far this year.

There has been a substantial shift away from the Southeast, which represented 50 per cent of all repossessions last year, far more than any other region.

Yorkshire and Humberside was the next worst hit at the end of 1990, accounting for 19 per cent of all repossessions. In the first six months of 1991, the Skipton's repossessions in the Southeast represented a third of the total.

The society declined to give a total for repossessions but said that it had a higher than average number of repossessions for people who could pay but would not. Cases of genuine hardship represented two-thirds of the national average figure.

David Charlton, the Skipton's assistant general manager, said: "We anticipate the industry's figures to remain bleak for some months yet as last year's arrears become this year's repossessions."

Unemployment and high interest rates have combined to hit those who stretched themselves to get on the property ladder before multiple tax relief on mortgage interest was abolished in 1988. Professional people, defined by the society as doctors, dentists, solicitors, architects and accountants, accounted for 51 per cent of all the society's repossessions last year.

Some of these were attracted by a limited offer of a loan of four times income, which was withdrawn just before the abolition of multiple tax relief. Others were being offered a standard multiple of between 3.5 and 3.75 times income.

A spokeswoman said: "They wanted to get in before the abolition of multiple tax relief and anticipated increases in earnings."

Next week the Skipton will publish an update on its breakdown of repossessions by occupation.

Cost of loan indemnity to rise

By SARA McCONNELL

MOST borrowers taking out loans for more than 75 per cent of the value of their property will have to pay more for compulsory mortgage indemnity insurance in the next few months because of the rise in repossessions. Some will face rises of more than 30 per cent. Others will not be able to borrow more than 75 per cent of the property's value because insurers are starting to refuse indemnity cover to lenders with lax lending criteria and a high level of repossessions.

Insurance companies are facing huge losses on mortgage indemnity business because of a dramatic increase in claims from lenders repossessing properties and selling them for less than the value of the loan. Although the insurance covers the lender if this happens, the borrower has to pay a single one-off premium when the mortgage is taken out.

Borrowers approaching smaller building societies are likely to find mortgages of more than 75 per cent most difficult to get and more expensive. Some smaller societies failed to control their lending and have a high level of arrears. Low-start and 100 per cent loans may not be available at all.

Royal Insurance, which has a 20 per cent share of the mortgage indemnity market, announced half-yearly claims of £45 million on mortgage indemnity insurance this week, compared with £8 million in the first half of 1990. It said premiums would have to rise by 25 per cent across the board this autumn. At the moment borrowers whose lenders have poor arrears records will not have to pay more, although this is a possibility in future.

General Accident this week reported a half-yearly loss of £40 million on mortgage indemnity insurance and creditor insurance combined, although it did not give a separate figure for mortgage indemnity losses.

Barry Holder, GA's general manager, would not quantify the amount of premium rise but said it would be a "sizeable increase". He added: "If we felt the lender was not exercising proper control over its lending we would not offer cover at all. This is the first time we have had to do this."

General Accident is talking to lenders and is likely to start charging higher premiums in the near future. Legal & General is also holding discussions. Last year the company had gross mortgage indemnity premiums of £30 million. At the time of the full-year results indemnity business was breaking even, but it has since seen "a sharp escalation in claims".

Rod Young, director for personal insurance, said: "If we are to continue to write this sort of business, rates will have to increase quite substantially." Legal & General is reluctant to put a figure to its losses before the half-yearly results come out on September 12, but Mr Young suggested that some lenders with poor arrears records will have to charge borrowers 30 per cent more. Some lenders could be refused cover altogether for certain kinds of riskier loan, such as non-status mortgages or low-start loans.

The company is also considering taking legal action against a number of homebuyers who have walked away from their property when its value fell below the level of the mortgage, despite being able to afford repayments.

Mr Young said: "There are a number of cases which we have solicitors looking at at the moment. We have a responsibility to discourage people from walking away from their loans."

Other insurers, including Sun Alliance and Eagle Star are cagey about revealing their losses because they are set to announce their half-yearly figures in the first weeks of September.

Michael Heath, Eagle Star's marketing director, said, however, that an increase in rates for most people was inevitable and that some lenders would be refused cover. "Simplisticly, this problem could be dealt with by an increase in rates. But the whole practice of lending needs to be improved if this insurance is to continue to exist." Eagle Star provides indemnity cover for most of the bigger lenders.

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Revenue suggests less taxing tax for self-employed

By Sara McConnell

THE self-employed could find their tax returns easier and less time-consuming to calculate if proposals outlined this week by the Inland Revenue are adopted.

The publication of the Revenue's consultative paper follows the Chancellor's announcement in the last Budget that simplifying the tax rules for the self-employed would be part of the government's tax reform programme. It comes as the Revenue promises, as part of its new taxpayer's charter, generally to provide clear leaflets and forms and to help get people's tax affairs right.

At the moment, the calculation of a self-employed person's tax liability is made on the previous year's profits, on the grounds that taxpayers will not be able to calculate their profits until accounts are drawn up and the return sent in. The taxman makes an initial assessment, which starts a complicated process of correspondence, appeals against assessments considered too high, and amended assessments.

The report says: "It will always be more difficult to identify and calculate income from self-employment than income from employment, pensions and investments. But much of the added complexity comes from the way in which the present system works. This produces a large volume of correspondence, notices and demands between the self-employed taxpayer and the Revenue.

"Much of this uses provisional figures which have to be amended later. Many of the notices require immediate attention by the taxpayer. This all creates numerous opportunities for mistakes and misunderstandings, both by taxpayers and the Revenue."

The Inland Revenue is proposing two alternative systems for collecting tax from the self-employed, both of which it says should be simpler. One system, the current year system, would assess self-employed people's tax liability on the profits for accounts ending in the current tax year. As with the present system, they will be able to make up their accounts to any date they choose.

Half the tax owed for the year would be paid on January 1 in the same tax year and the other half on July 1 in the following tax year. The balance would be due on January 1 of the following tax year.

Under this system there would no longer be a whole set of special rules for the first and final years of self-employment because the profit for each year will be taxed in the current year with no back-tracking to previous years for an assessment.

Another option would be to base tax assessments on business accounting periods throughout the year and so spread tax calculations and payments more evenly. People would pay in instalments of half the final liability for the previous accounting period three months before, with the other half falling due three months after the end of the current accounting period.

Tax on other sources of income, such as investments and dividends, could also be brought into the new system and the total bill paid as one.

The Revenue is hoping that a simpler system will cut down on complicated correspondence and allow most self-employed people to work out their own tax liability rather than having it calculated for them. They should only need to deal with the Revenue twice a year when they send in payment, returns and accounts.

David Shaw, leader of the Inland Revenue's reporting team, said there could be a slight increase in the number of tax returns audited if most self-employed people worked out their own tax. People wanting the Revenue to calculate their liability would have to send in their returns and accounts earlier.

Under the new taxpayer's charter, announced this week by Francis Maude, the financial secretary, the Revenue has promised simplifications in other areas. The idea of a taxpayer's charter was outlined in the government's white paper on the citizen's charter.

The application form for tax relief on mortgage interest is the first to be redesigned to make it easier to understand. Taxpayers should expect Revenue staff to be fair, efficient helpful and accountable in settling tax affairs impartially, getting tax right, helping people to understand rights and obligations and giving information and assistance. Private affairs will be kept confidential and costs kept to a minimum.

In return, taxpayers are expected to give honest and accurate information and pay their tax on time. If they are not satisfied with their treatment, taxpayers will be told how to complain. They have the right to complain to an independent tribunal or ask their MP to refer the complaint to the parliamentary ombudsman.

As part of efforts to make Revenue staff more accountable, comments on the self-employed tax proposals can be sent, by December 31, to: Jayne Banner, Inland Revenue, Schedule D Review, Room 3, New Wing, Somerset House, London WC2R 1LB.

Costly campaign: Judy Atchison, marketing director at the Leeds, which is spending £6 million on advertising

Older people offered guidance on finance

A GUIDE to taxation and investment for older people has been published by Age Concern. *Your Taxes and Savings* is intended to be used by people of all income levels. Topics covered range from pension planning and lump sum investment, to income support and housing and community charge benefits.

The section on taxation also gives information about how tax bills are calculated, what tax allowances are available and how to claim a rebate.

The guide discusses recent changes in legislation, including independent taxation for married couples and interest-free savings for non-taxpayers.

A book aimed at a more general readership, *The 91/92 Money, Pensions and Tax Guide*, covers buying a house, borrowing money, school fees and family protection.

Your Taxes & Savings 1991-2 costs £3.95 from large branches of WH Smith, or from Age Concern England, 1268 London Road, London SW16. *The 91/92 Money, Pensions and Tax Guide* costs £4.95 and is published by the Taxation Advice Bureau, 54/56 Sun Street, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 1EJ.

NatWest offers home loan fixed at 10.95%

NATIONAL Westminster bank is offering fixed-rate mortgages at 10.95 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 12.5 per cent) for two years until October 31, 1993.

The deal is available on all new mortgages, including remortgages and existing customers changing properties, but customers have to link the mortgage to an endowment or pension contract.

Existing contracts can be used but new ones will have to be bought through NatWest Insurance Services, the bank's insurance broking arm. There is no redemption charge as long as a customer moving house keeps the fixed rate, otherwise the bank will charge a penalty fee of two months' interest. The minimum mortgage is £15,000 and there is an arrangement fee of £195.

The Bristol & West Building Society has also launched a fixed-rate mortgage of 10.95 per cent (APR 12.3 per cent), but the rate is fixed for five years for loans in excess of £40,000. Like the NatWest, Bristol & West charges no penalty for early redemption if the borrower moves house and keeps the mortgage. Both new and existing customers can take up the offer, which applies to pension, endowment and repayment loans. The applicaton fee is £300.

A rate of 9.75 per cent for six months after completion is available from Prudential Mortgage Company, the mortgage arm of the Prudential. The rate for new mortgages represents a 2.24 per cent discount off a variable mortgage rate of 11.99 per cent, while the discount on remortgages represents 2.75 per cent off the variable rate of 12.5 per cent.

A borrower taking out a £40,000 loan and qualifying for tax relief on the first £30,000 will save £59.58 a month for the first six months.

Leeds to take stress out of buying

THE Leeds Permanent Building Society is attempting to take the stress out of homebuying by offering its borrowers the services of a home arranger. Available in every branch in England and Wales, they will co-ordinate the work of estate agents, solicitors and surveyors for borrowers (Sara McConnell writes).

A survey of 1,217 homebuyers commissioned by the society showed that 67 per cent rated the experience of buying a home either very, or quite stressful. Of these people, 81 per cent said the process took too long and 74 per cent said there was too much jargon involved in the housebuying process.

They also said there was too much paperwork, the right people were never there and housebuyers were not kept in touch with what was happening.

The home arrangers, part of a free service to borrowers, have been installed in branches as a result of the survey. They will advise on mortgages and liaise with solicitors and surveyors on the buyer's behalf. They will also arrange for electricity and gas meters to be read and for post to be redirected.

Homebuyers will receive weekly progress reports about their transactions, which home arrangers will try and speed up if a solicitor or surveyor is taking too long.

Chris Chadwick, the Leeds' commercial director, said home arrangers would be trained to sell both endowment and repayment mortgages. The Leeds is a tied agent of the Norwich Union, so prospective borrowers will only be offered a Norwich Union endowment through the society's branches.

He denied that the scheme would encourage the sale of more Norwich Union endowments, which earn the society a commission.

Judy Atchison, the Leeds' group marketing director, said a £6 million advertising campaign, starring George Cole, would be running from September to early November. This is the Leeds' most expensive campaign to date.

BRIEFINGS

CUSTOMERS who want a fixed mortgage deal with no application fee and no redemption fee are being offered a guaranteed savings mortgage from Chase de Vere Home Loans, the mortgage broker. The broker guarantees a discount of 2 per cent off normal building society rates until January 1993. This means customers will be paying 9.95 per cent at the moment, but less if interest rates fall again. The minimum loan is £70,000 and the offer is not available for remortgages.

☐ A personal equity plan (Pep) fully invested in an investment trust is to be launched by M & G on September 20. Those who do not have an existing 1991-2 Pep with another manager will be able to put their whole annual allowance into the M & G income investment trust, sponsored by Warburgs. It will be a split-level trust, and capital, income and zero dividend preference shares will be combined in packaged units. The estimated starting yield is 6 per cent.

☐ From October 1, Yorkshire Bank is to reduce the monthly interest rate on its Visa card from 2.15 per cent to 1.95 per cent, an annual percentage rate of 26 per cent for purchases and 26.6 per cent for cash advances. But interest will be charged from the date transactions reach the account rather than from the statement date if the balance is not paid off in full. The bank does not charge an annual fee.

☐ Two free guides out this week aim to explain the complexities of pensions and investments. A leaflet called *How to Enforce Your Pension Rights* is available from Ellison Westhorp, the pensions law firm. It outlines the complaints procedure for those not happy with personal, state or company pensions and gives a list of addresses, including that of the newly established pensions ombudsman, the occupational pensions board and the parliamentary commissioner.

The second guide, from Save & Prosper, is called *Is Investment Really Worth it?* It aims to help people assess the reasons for investing in the stock market and the different ways money can be put to work by investing in stocks.

☐ Endsleigh Insurance, the specialist student insurer, paid out more than £1 million in burglary claims over the past 12 months, twice as much as last year. Some students are now being burgled every term, even in areas previously considered relatively theft-free, the insurer says. Landlords are failing to provide even minimum security in low-cost accommodation. Endsleigh charges from £27 a year for a basic sum insured of £2,500. College property on loan is insured up to £250 and damage to public service equipment to the value of £150. Money is covered up to £50 and credit cards up to £500.

☐ Motorists buying a used car should check the vehicle carefully for signs of tampering with the bodywork or the mileage clock to make it look younger, the TSB cautions in its new guide, *Tips for Better Buying*. The guide offers a checklist for used car buyers that advises them to watch out for signs of rust or cracks in the bodywork or the engine bay and check for signs of rust in panel joins and on the boot. Buyers should be wary of cars that emit blue smoke when the engine in revved or signs of worn shock absorbers if the car bounces more than once when weight is put on it.

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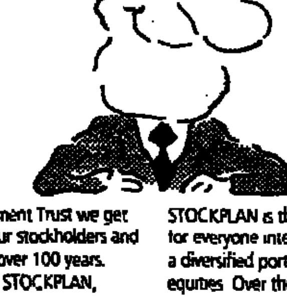

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Widow 'browbeaten' by bank adviser

The hidden cost of best advice

By Lindsay Cook, *Money Editor*

INDEPENDENT financial advisers will no longer be obliged to give their clients best advice but will merely have to prove that they offered good advice, if the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) has its way. There will still be no requirement for advisers to tell clients at the time of sale what commission they earn when a customer is sold a policy or savings plan.

But cases detailed to Weekend Money suggest that disclosure of commission is vital to improve the standards of financial service given.

A widow, aged 59, referred to a financial adviser in her bank when she paid in a £92,000 cheque from her husband's life assurance, was told she should put £90,000 into an annuity.

In addition, the salesman suggested that income from the annuity should be used to pay for an endowment policy to restore the £90,000 to her estate when she died, or after ten years.

The woman says she had stressed throughout the interview with the area investment adviser at her branch of National Westminster Bank that she wanted to retain control of her money so that she had access if she needed cash for the upkeep of her home or other expenditure.

The scheme suggested would have left her with £2,000, much of which would have been swallowed up by debts her husband had left, she said.

The bank said she had £100,000 invested elsewhere, which she could have been cashed in. She countered that she knew how much she had available and she wanted to have access to the £92,000.

Another widow was advised to put the £30,000 she received from her husband's pension into an insurance bond. This, she was incorrectly told, could not fall in value.

In the first case the bank could have earned £4,500 in commission, and in the second case the commission was likely to have been £1,500.

The first widow has, for the time being, invested in government securities through the Post Office register. This pays the interest gross, although it has to be declared for tax later. She now wants to warn other people in her position to be careful.

Of investor protection she says: "The system is working extremely well for the banks and insurance companies. It's the widows it is not working for. It bugs me that the bank should collect that sum of money for subjecting a woman like me to being browbeaten."

Once an annuity is bought there is no access to the money. Sold by insurance companies, they usually guarantee an income for the rest of the holder's life. In this case it was to be a ten-year annuity, and because of that the income rate was higher than one taken out for life.

When the widow queried how the proposal would give her full control of the money, she was told that if she kept up the endowment for ten years she would be able to withdraw money.

NatWest said that there was an in-built mechanism to prevent someone arriving in a branch with a cheque and then walking out with a policy.

In this case, the fact-find had not included the widow's marital status or her income. The recommendation was therefore made with the advice that she should seek further guidance, the bank said. The concept of tying up money varied from person to person. Some people might not consider ten years as tying up their money, NatWest added.

The second widow was surprised to receive such a large lump sum on her husband's death, and was totally at a loss as to how to invest it safely. An independent financial adviser recommended by her son visited her at her home and suggested that she should invest in a General Accident with-profits bond. This guarantees to pay 3 per cent a year and, according to the company, expects to pay 10 per cent but does not guarantee to do so.

Even the 3 per cent guarantee can be overridden in exceptional markets where a lot of people are cashing in policies.

Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said investors should be wary if they were advised to put all their money into one product.

"It is very difficult to second guess when bad advice is given whether it is incompetence or deliberate because of the financial incentive of the commission. There needs to be much better monitoring and enforcement. The consequences of bad advice can be as harmful as fraud," she said.

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The association would like to see better monitoring of the people selling investments, to check whether there is a bias towards high commission products. Ms Eaglesham said: "There must be a suspicion of guilt if there is a bias towards high commission products."

This week the association has sent comments to SIB on its proposals to change the rules on advice, in which it states: "We consider best advice to be an important element of the level of protection that *should* be afforded to investors — indeed, we cannot see how allowing advisers to recommend a 'good' product if they are (or should be) aware of a better product that they could sell instead. . ."

NatWest Insurance Services said: "Most people do not know what they want. Advisers are trained to listen to people and to fully understand the products."

The need to protect a lump sum against inflation was paramount. "The risk from inflation is greater than from the movement in share prices. The requirement for income often forces investment decisions upon people."

Whitechurch Securities, a Bristol-based broker, usually recommends that investors split lump sums three ways.

Kean Seager, managing director, said: "A third should be in cash in a building society or bank high-interest account, a third in fixed interest and a third in equities in unit trusts or investment trusts."

By splitting their investment in this way, Mr Seager's clients lost a maximum of 10 per cent of their money in the crash of 1987 and found that the interest rates rose on their savings to compensate.

Mr Seager said that advisers should have put £3,000 of the cash sum into a tax-free Tessa account. Investors who are taxpayers should have put the maximum allowed into a unit trust or an investment trust within a personal equity plan (Pep).

For fixed interest, he would recommend either locking the money up for four to five years for an annual return of 9 per cent to 9.5 per cent. An alternative would be a with-profits bond offering an annual bonus plus the probability of a terminal bonus.

Investing in unit trusts, a guaranteed income bond and a building society account would earn the adviser £400.

The Consumers' Association recommends that people seeking advice on investing a lump sum should consult more than one financial adviser and should not be afraid to ask questions about the suggested investments.

BT investors must first select their share shop

INVESTORS planning to buy shares in the sale of the government's remaining stake in BT will be asked to choose a share shop to apply through before details of its commission rates are known. But they will be able to change their minds once the fees are published (Lindsay Cook writes).

Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, announced this week that applicants for the shares, which are expected to be sold at a discount of about 5 per cent to the market value, will be given greater preference in allocation if they buy through one of eight share shops chosen by the government. These are Abbey National, Barclays, Bank of Scotland, Lloyds, Midland, NatWest, the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society and Sharelink.

Applicants using the share shops will also be given two vouchers allowing them to buy shares at a maximum commission of £15 for small deals, and two to sell at the same rate. The maximum commission rate will be 1.5 per cent. It will be up to the shops to decide how many different shares these can be used to buy and sell.

The sale will begin during October when 20 million households will receive letters inviting them to register their interest with the Share Information Office and to indicate their preferred share shop.

At that stage there will be no details of the costs of the cheap deals. These will be supplied with the interim certificates, along with the four vouchers that can be used to sell or buy through any of the eight share shops.

Cheap deals: Larner

The government is keen that price alone will not govern the choice of share shops used and does not want dealing rates known ahead of applications being made. In the past, dealing rates have been key to the number of applications received. The Skipton and Leeds building societies received a huge number of applications when they offered free dealing to customers who applied through them.

Which shares will be available at the cheap rates is not yet known for all participants in the scheme, although it is expected the lists will be mostly the privatisation issues and other popular shares. NatWest may offer the top 100 companies plus any privatisations that fall outside.

The Norwich & Peterborough, the only building society on the list, is also the only society to own a stockbroker. It bought Waters Lunniss in 1988 and has a strong track record of offering cheap deals for privatisations.

Richard Larner, managing director of Waters Lunniss, said that until recently the minimum commission was £8, and for the last two government sales it has been £9 for people who applied through the society. Those who did not paid from £14.

NatWest also offered a postal dealing service with a minimum commission of £9. The bank's Touchscreen service normally costs a minimum of £25 but until the end of September it is offering a reduced minimum of £17 and will allow families to batch up to five certificates in privatised companies subject to an extra £3 for the second and subsequent certificates. With privatised companies at the time of flotation, NatWest offers a cheque at the point of sale. With other companies it gives investors a contract note straightaway.

Sharelink, which is 64 per cent owned by BT, offered a postal service with a minimum commission of £12.50 per company for the Scottish power companies. Barclays charged from £12.50 and Midland charged from £15 until July 31 and now charges £20. Bank of Scotland, Lloyds and Abbey National did not offer special dealing rates.

The Norwich & Peterborough is the smallest of the brokers selected, but Martin Armstrong, group chief executive, is confident that the society can cope with the volume of business the BT sale will create.

The society, which has 67 branches, handled 25,000 applications for the electricity distribution companies. It will also offer a postal service.

"We want to show how easy it is to buy and sell shares in the high street," said Mr Armstrong.

Figures for reduction in yield fail to end confusion over charges

By Helen Pridham

MANY investors still feel confused about insurance companies' charges. Though product literature must now include a "reduction in yield" figure to show the effect of charges on growth, few people understand its significance and it still does not cover all the possible deductions.

Companies generally levy various charges that provide the return they need to cover their costs. With unit-linked and unitised with-profits contracts, where charges have to be spelt out, companies vie to make their fees sound as inoffensive as possible.

Many of these costs are incurred when the policy is first sold. Commission is usually seen as the greater evil, but there are also all the company's administrative expenses to pay for.

Once a policy is on the books there are on-going costs such as premium collection and investment management to be recouped.

On many personal pension contracts, for example, companies still invest the first year or two of policyholders' premiums in "capital" or "initial" investment units. These carry a much higher than usual management charge of, say, 6 per cent per annum. Because of the limited period of allocation, however, the cost does not sound too bad. In fact, over the term of the contract it normally means these units are worth much less in real terms than they were initially. Moreover, if the policyholder takes early retirement a hefty penalty is usually levied from these units.

Friendly societies' charges are similarly confusing. Even a straightforward savings contract may have as many as four or five different charges. Family Assurance's tax-exempt friendly society plan, for example, lists five expense deductions including a front-end charge of 65 per cent, fund management charges of 5 per cent initial and 0.75 per cent annually, the costs of life cover, and a fee of 45p a month if premiums are paid monthly.

The effect of these charges on the investment return must now be shown in the form of a reduction in yield. At Family Assurance, the reduction in investment return would be 4.49 per cent for a man of 35 taking out a ten-year contract.

These reductions in yield must be calculated on a basis laid down by Lautro, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, assuming a 8.5 per cent growth rate. So Family Assurance's 4.49 per cent figure means that the policyholder's share of that investment growth would be 4.01 per cent — less than half.

Charges on early surrender do not have to be included in the calculation, but charges are likely to be much higher for those cashing in a policy early.

While Family Assurance's reduction in yield may seem high, the figure quoted by another friendly society, the Tunbridge Wells Equitable, for its with-profits tax-exempt plan is even higher. Its charges would result in a hefty 6 per cent reduction in yield.

By contrast, the average for ordinary ten-year with-profits endowments is only 2.8 per cent, according to figures calculated by R. Watson & Sons, the actuary, from the 1990 with-profits guides of 38 insurance companies.

Mike Wadsworth, Watson's life assurance specialist, explains, however, that insurance companies' reductions in yield on their life insurance business are lower, partly because of their favourable tax position in the past.

"Insurance companies were able to set off all their expenses against tax as soon as they were incurred," he said.

Most investors remain unaware of the implications of reductions in yield.

John Turton, marketing manager of Provident Life, which offers commission-free insurance products to fee-based advisers, says: "Our evidence suggests that many investors are unaware that a seemingly modest reduction in yield actually equates to a significant reduction in final benefits."

As an alternative, the company has recently published tables that convert reductions in yield to reductions in funds. It shows that a 2 per cent annual reduction in yield on a 25-year personal pension where the policyholder is paying an annual premium of £1,000, would reduce the final pension fund at retirement by 26.5 per cent.

Lautro is now suggesting that there should be cash disclosure of life office charges and expenses, which would be more meaningful for investors than showing expenses as a reduction in yield.

At the same time, investors should not lose sight of a company's investment performance.

Peter Gray, general manager of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable, does not dispute that his charges look high but he says: "Policyholders should not just look at expenses, they should also look at what they are getting for their money. Our past performance record shows that we can give value for money."

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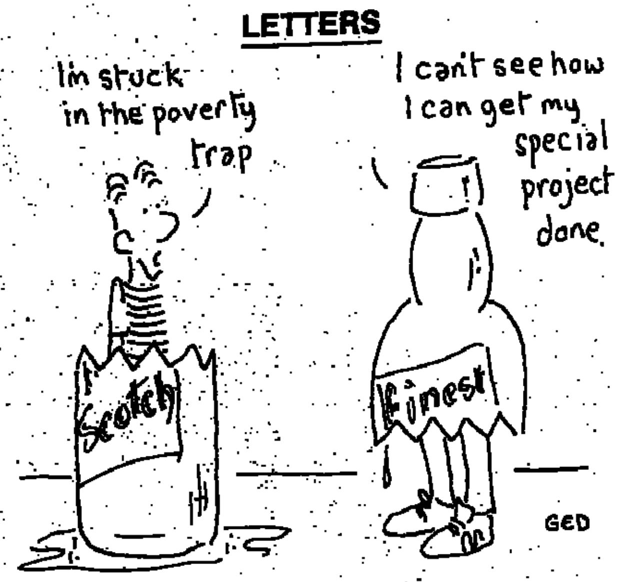
Im stuck in the poverty trap
I can't see how I can get my special project done.
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Curb drinking

From Mr Gerald Klein

Sir, While I can sympathise with university students and their parents on the shortage of cash during the three/four years of study, I cannot find in my heart much sympathy for Mr Tom Semark (Weekend Money August 10) as I read that "he drinks quite a lot", which I would understand to mean that he goes to a pub or club at least three times a week, and in consequence can spend up to £20 each week.

Your article states that because he has to spend his summer working on his father's barn, in order to pay off his overdraft, and therefore cannot do the background work for his special project, may I suggest, that he should (a) cut back on his drinking, thereby save at least £500 a year and (b) by not going to the pub, he could save at least three or four hours each week, which means in the course of the summer vacation of ten weeks, he can devote at least 40 hours to do this background work for his special project.

I do believe that Mr Semark wants the best of all worlds.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD KLEIN,
1 Oxenpark Avenue,
Wembley, Middlesex.

● Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns.

Struggle to redeem money due

From Miss I. M. Cox

Sir, I have recently had occasion to resist the attempt of Abbey National plc to obtain further subsidy from one of its customers and incidentally, also a shareholder.

My client's son, a mortgage holder with Abbey National plc, died in tragic circumstances earlier this year. The mortgage was linked to a life policy with Sun Alliance Life and Pensions, which paid the sum due to the deceased's estate direct to Abbey National on May 30 1991. The sum paid exceeded the liability under the mortgage by in excess of £2,000.00.

Nothing was heard from Abbey National for some weeks. Eventually after several written requests, a telephone call was received from Abbey National Mortgage Centre saying that it was redeeming my client's mortgage on that date. On July 23, 1991, a cheque was received for a sum of a considerably lesser amount than the difference between the monies sent by Sun Alliance and the amount required to redeem the mortgage. It was unaccompanied by any statement to show how the company had arrived at that figure. Following a request, a statement was provided showing that interest had been charged to July 15, some six weeks after the company had been in receipt of the said funds.

A demand was then made to the company for a refund of the additional interest charged and a cheque for an amount approaching £500.00 has recently been received. A request was also made for interest to be paid by the company on the excess of monies required to redeem but this request was ignored and I think it can be assumed that the company has no intention of complying with it.

Had no enquiry been made then Abbey National plc's huge profits would have been swelled even further. One wonders how many others without such enquiring minds are being deprived of monies rightfully due to them by such practices.

Yours faithfully,
I. M. COX,
Markswood,
Abbotts Close,
Worthing,
West Sussex.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.63	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.41	7.41	5.93	25,000-50,000	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.69	7.69	6.15	25,000-50,000	3 mth	Local Brnch
Lloyds	6.70	6.70	5.36	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	6.98	6.98	5.58	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.08	7.08	5.66	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	6.96	6.96	5.58	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	7.03	7.03	5.62	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	6.94	6.94	5.55	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.23	7.48	5.98	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.15	6.29	5.03	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	2.60	2.70	2.16	1,000‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	5.53	5.63	4.50	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	2.25	2.27	1.81	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.72	5.80	4.64	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	5.63	5.78	4.62	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.45	6.61	5.29	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	5.18	5.18	4.14	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	7.80	7.80	6.24	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	8.74	8.74	6.99	2,500 min	none	—
Northern Rock	9.00	9.00	7.20	40,000 min	90-day	—
Skipton	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,500 min	90-day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.25	9.25	7.40	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Tynemouth	8.33	8.33	6.66	500 min	none	—
Mansfield	7.50	7.64	6.15	500 min	90 day	—
Bristol & West	8.10	8.10	6.48	10,000 min	30 day	—
Skipton	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,500 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.25	9.25	7.40	25,000 min	1 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.41	3.41	2.73	50 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	3.68	3.68	2.94	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.88	1.88	1.50	1 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	10.25	7.69	6.15	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*²	11.75	8.81	7.05	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	11.75	8.81	7.05		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert²†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Allco	9.10	9.10	7.34	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
New Direction Fin	9.20	9.20	7.82	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Chase de Vere	9.40	9.40	7.99	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Providence Cap	9.35	9.35	7.95	25,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Allied Dunbar	9.65	9.65	8.20	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (July 90-91)	+5.5%	Spanish Pesetas:	178.00
Bank Base Rate	11%	French Francs:	9.74
Personal Loan	24%	Greek Drachmas:	312.00
Credit Card	19.6-32%	Italian Lire:	2140.00

¹ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ² Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums □ No longer on sale Rate changes to 11.00% on September 13

Compiled by KAREN BUCKLEY

LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Chelsea 0242 521391	10.45	£30K+	80	After 1.3% discount for 1 year
Norwich & Peterbor. 0733 371371	9.95	Negotiable	95	Rate fixed to 31.12.91
Bradford & Bingley 0274 568111	10.50	£60K+	80	After 1% reduction for first year
BANKS				
Barclays 0203 694242	10.70	£60K-500K	90	After 1.25% discount for first year
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Skandia Trust 0703 334411	10.95	to £100K	90	Rate capped to 31.7.92

Source: Bley's Guides Ltd. Financial Information Providers 0753 880482

Perils of sending cheques by post

From Major P. B. Legge

Sir, Liz Dolan concluded, I thought quite correctly, that banks are not really interested in the security of their customers' accounts (Weekend Money, August 10).

Last week, out of the blue, a new cheque book arrived in the post. It was so obviously a cheque book that it might as well have advertised the fact in red letters on the second class envelope. My bank manager tells me, with pride, that this is a new system; no longer do I need troubling myself to order or collect a new book, because a computer does it for me when a given number of cheques have been expended.

One may marvel at such ingenuity. As far as I am concerned, however, this system is fraught with perils. From now on I will never know when to expect a cheque book by post so that if it goes walkabout en-route I will not even know to tell the bank and have the cheques cancelled. I am told that in such an event, and the cheques being used by some thief, I would have to prove to the bank that it never arrived. Just how do I do that, pray?

I have not seen the banking ombudsman's 1990 report, but this new manifestation of unconcern by banks certainly needs some tidying up.

Yours faithfully,
P. B. LEGGE,
Kirklands,
4 Greenawell,
North Bovey, Devon.

Confusion over tax

From Mrs R. A. Stevens

Sir, Re your article "Millions save interest on tax" (Weekend Money, July 20). As a married woman not in full-time employment I am unable to benefit from a gross interest account because I receive more than my personal tax-free allowance during the year from interest in tax-paid (net) accounts.

I asked the Inland Revenue if I could sign the registration form you mentioned in order to have a gross interest account which would give me a total equal to my personal tax-free allowance and the answer was "No, you must pay your tax on the net accounts and then claim it back each year." This seems to me to be a waste of time. Surely, the Revenue is busy enough without presumably having several thousand claims such as mine to deal with?

Is there no simpler way to get my tax-free allowance? I know the Post Office has some gross interest accounts which do not need an Inland Revenue registration form (as do some capital accounts in banks). Is this a possible method, if so why do other accounts need the registration form? I am totally confused by the Inland Revenue advice.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. STEVENS,
Swanage,
Dorset.

Ladies' choice

From Mr H. L. Waterman

Sir, This is the first financial year that married ladies with an independent investment income have had to deal with their own tax affairs, whereas formerly it was only if they so elected. They should by now have completed a tax return and received assessments, queries and tax demands of varying kinds and colours from the Inland Revenue.

Most ladies so affected realise how protected they have been by their husbands in the past and surely must regret the changes with all its attendant correspondence and anxieties.

The only winners are accountants who have suddenly vastly increased their client numbers whilst, ironically, the Revenue services have been forced into a greatly increased workload for no increase in taxation income. This may be a victory for Women's Lib but not for common sense.

Yours faithfully,
H. L. WATERMAN,
15 Cumberland House,
Kensington Road, W8.

Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+6	+1	+5	+6	+5		
2	+9	+2	+4	+7	+5		
3	+4	+4	+5	+5	+8		
4	+6	+2	+5	+6	+4		
5	+4	+2	+6	+4	+7		
6	+7	+1	+4	+7	+5		
7	+3	+5	+2	+6	+6		
8	+5	+3	+6	+6	+5		
9	+4	+2	+6	+4	+8		
10	+2	+4	+3	+7	+6		
11	+3	+7	+2	+9	+5		
12	+5	+4	+5	+3	+7		
13	+3	+5	+3	+7	+5		
14	+8	+3	+3	+5	+4		
15	+7	+3	+7	+4	+4		
16	+3	+2	+4	+3	+8		
17	+5	+2	+7	+5	+5		
18	+3	+3	+5	+5	+9		
19	+9	+2	+3	+7	+4		
20	+7	+2	+6	+5	+7		
21	+5	+3	+4	+5	+8		
22	+7	+3	+4	+6	+4		
23	+5	+5	+3	+6	+7		
24	+7	+2	+3	+6	+3		
25	+6	+1	+6	+4	+5		
26	+4	+3	+4	+4	+7		
27	+2	+4	+3	+7	+7		
28	+8	+1	+5	+6	+3		
29	+6	+2	+6	+5	+5		
30	+8	+2	+5	+5	+4		
31	+4	+3	+6	+4	+9		
32	+9	+2	+4	+5	+4		
33	+3	+5	+3	+8	+6		
34	+5	+2	+5	+5	+5		
35	+7	+3	+7	+4	+6		
36	+3	+5	+4	+8	+5		
37	+8	+1	+5	+6	+5		
38	+4	+5	+3	+6	+7		
39	+5	+4	+5	+4	+8		
40	+2	+4	+2	+8	+6		
41	+6	+2	+6	+5	+5		
42	+4	+3	+5	+3	+9		
43	+3	+6	+4	+7	+6		
44	+8	+3	+4	+5	+4		

STUDENT LOANS COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE OF VARIATION OF INTEREST RATE

The Secretary of State has prescribed that the interest rate applicable to Loan Agreements under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990 or the Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 shall, in respect of the period from 1st September 1991, be the rate of interest per day which, taking into account the addition of interest to the principal amount of the loan, will result in an APR of 5.8%. That rate of interest per day is 0.015483011% per day.

Accordingly Student Loans Company Limited **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that with effect from 1st September 1991 the **RATE OF INTEREST** under all such Loan Agreements is varied (in respect of the period from 1st September 1991) by being **REDUCED** from the present interest rate of 9.8% per annum **TO THE NEW INTEREST RATE** of 0.015483011% per day (variable; APR 5.8%).

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1	FR Group	Motors, Aircraft	
2	HSBC	Banks, Discount	
3	Pressac	Electricals	
4	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
5	Anglian Water	Water	
6	Ranger	Oil, Gas	
7	Reed Int	Newspapers, Pub	
8	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks, Discount	
9	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
10	Laing (J)	Building, Roads	
11	Smith David	Paper, Print, Adv	
12	Evode	Chemicals, Plas	
13	Cookson	Industrials A-D	
14	T & S Stores	Drapery, Stores	
15	Castings	Industrials A-D	
16	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
17	Laird	Industrials L-R	
18	Transport Dev	Transport	
19	Scot & New	Breweries	
20	Rentokil	Chemicals, Plas	
21	High-Point	Industrials E-K	
22	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
23	Delta	Electricals	
24	Tesco	Foods	
25	Newman Tonks	Building, Roads	
26	BET Ord	Industrials A-D	
27	Leigh	Chemicals, Plas	
28	AAH	Industrials A-D	
29	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
30	Gleeson (MJ)	Building, Roads	
31	Low (Wm)	Foods	
32	Westpac	Banks, Discount	
33	McLeod Russel	Industrials L-R	
34	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
35	Headlam	Shoes, Leather	
36	ERF	Motors, Aircraft	
37	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
38	Booker	Foods	
39	Russell (A)	Industrials L-R	
40	Granada	Industrials E-K	
41	Lamont	Textiles	
42	Strong & Fisher	Shoes, Leather	
43	First Leisure	Leisure	
44	Racal Elect	Electricals	
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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was Thomas Thomson, of Frodsham, Warrington.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares edge to peak

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 12. Dealings end August 30. §Contango day September 2. Settlement day September 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

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1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
355	247	Nat West	345	348●	+2	23.3	6.7	28.2
512	380	Provident	450	455	+3	31.3	6.9	9.9
45	24	Rea Bros	30	35	–	0.7	2.1	94.2
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	185	189	+3	11.2	6.0	8.8
[illegible]	640	Schroders	855	865	..	14.7	2.1	17.4
413	206	Stand Chart	380	387●	-4	14.9	4.1	19.9
185	124	TSB	154	158●	–	8.5	5.5	12.7
[illegible]	266	Union Disc	265	270●	-1	46.7	17.4	16.4
500	314	Warburg SG	493	497	–	21.3	4.3	12.3
172	160	Do 6% 'A'	166	171	–	8.8	4.7	–
58	25	Wells Fargo	47¾		+1¾	–	–	–
222	129	Westpac	218	222	+5	–	–	–
353	266	Wintrust	295	310●	–	12.4	4.1	11.1

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
594	440	Allied-Lyons	588	592	–	25.1	4.3	22.3
10¾	882	Bass	922	930	-3	44.4	4.8	8.8
175	124	Boddington	157	162	–	8.0	5.0	12.2
258	173	Bulmer (H P)	253	258●	–	11.1	4.3	25.8
142	105	Burtonwood Brew	110	117●	–	5.7	5.0	17.4
245	135	Devenish (JA)	193	200	–	7.3	3.7	14.6
83	51	Fortune Brewing Gp	78	83	+2	–	–	–
839	683	Grand Met	820	825●	+3	20.3	3.4	14.8
380	274	Greenall	336	342	–	13.9	4.1	13.1
494	374	Greene King	465	467●	-1	14.4	3.1	14.8
10	717	Guinness	985	990	-7	25.0	2.5	15.5
10	[illegible]	Hardys & Hansons	10	10¼	–	47.8	4.7	12.4
305	225	Highland Dist	287	295	+1	6.6	2.3	22.1
290	120	Invergordon Dist	255	265	+3	6.7	2.6	21.4
455	420	Mansfield	445	455●	–	16.1	3.6	12.4
215	155	Marston Thompson	200	205●	+2	6.0	3.0	14.5
430	357	Matthew Clark	392	398●	–	18.7	4.8	13.9
335	236	Morland	305	315 r	–	8.9	2.9	15.7
16¼	558	SA Breweries	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	–	–	–
425	395	Scot & New	423	425●	+2	20.0	4.7	12.4
254	174	Vaux Group	215	220	–	11.8	5.4	11.3
514	400	Whitbread 'A'	512	515	+5	21.7	4.2	12.9
13¼	13	Do 'B'	13	13¼	–	21.7	1.6	38.5
529	389	Wolverhampton & D	525	533	–	12.9	2.4	15.0
470	399	Young 'A'	455	470	–	17.3	3.7	17.2

BUILDING, ROADS

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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DRAPERY, STORES

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ELECTRICALS

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INDUSTRIALS A-D

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INSURANCE

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1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
476	349	Legal & Gen	455	458	-2	23.8	5.2	43.5
442	312	Lloyds Abbey	427	431●	-1	23.1	5.4	–
390	298	Lloyd Thompson	385	395	+2	10.5	2.7	21.5
389	283	London & Man	342	347	–	17.8	5.2	34.7
49¾	35¾	Marsh McLen	49¼		–	–	–	–
165	109	Ockl	152	157 f	–	6.0	3.9	12.0
100	78	PWS	75	80	–	4.9	6.3	7.8
282½	187	Prudential	256	259	–	13.7	5.3	43.0
763	577	Refuge	780	785	–	35.7	4.7	28.4
491	357	Royal	413	417	-4	34.7	8.4	–
284	215	Sedgwick	274	276	-3	16.0	5.8	26.2
328	264	Steel Burrill	305	315	+3	16.3	5.3	16.2
285	224	Stenge Hldgs	243	250●	+3	22.0	8.9	8.4
406	309	Sun Alliance	386	388	-1	18.7	4.8	–
12¾	9¾	Sun Life	11¼	11¼	–	63.5	5.6	–
105	60	Trade Indemnity	68	73	+1	2.5	3.5	–
387	357	Utd Friendly	383	390	+3	13.7	3.5	21.3
337	242	Willis Corroon	310	315	-4	17.6	5.6	16.5
21	10	Windsor	16	16	–	–	–	68.0

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LEISURE

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WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
383	261	Anglian Water	379	382●	+3	23.3	6.1	8.3
395	258	Northumbrian	368	374●	-3	24.9	6.7	5.7
380	251	North West	372	374●	+3½	24.0	6.4	5.9
349	226	Severn Trent	339	342●	+2	23.4	6.8	5.3
348	221	Sthrn Water	334	337●	-2	23.6	7.0	6.3
385	238	South West	356	360●	-1	26.7	7.5	5.6
384	253	Thames Water	370	373●	-2	23.3	6.3	8.0
387	269	Welsh Water	367	372●	–	26.0	7.0	4.5
397	255	Wessex Water	389	393●	-2	23.8	6.0	6.7
401	264	Yorkshire Water	381	385●	-1	23.6	6.2	7.3

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Masterlst Acc	90.14	96.40	+0.56	2.12
Intl	63.54	67.59	+0.26	1.20
Div/Gth	50.69	53.02	+0.50	3.56
Global Gth Sec	52.10	55.42	+0.06	1.80
Ethical	51.15	54.70	+0.44	3.09
High Inc Equity	138.6	147.4	+1.6	5.77
W'wide Bond	208.5	221.0	+3.6	8.79
Gilt/Fixed	114.8	121.7	+0.2	8.45
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Am Inc/Gth	31.82	33.73	+0.70	2.35
Euro	71.87	76.06	+0.05	0.30
Euro Inc	74.59	78.70	-0.20	1.55
Exmpt	779.1	804.1	+9.7	5.08
Extra Inc	40.40	43.71	+0.72	6.66
F/E Emerg Ec	50.25	53.95	-0.27	1.18

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 90.3 (day's range 90.3-90.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2938-3.3009	3.2972-3.3009	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Brussels	60.11-60.38	60.18-60.38	13-8pr	27-21pr
Copenhagen	11.2810-11.3171	11.2899-11.3133	1⅝-1pr	4-3⅜pr
Dublin	1.0920-1.0980	1.0950-1.0960	12-6pr	22-12pr
Frankfurt	2.9219-2.9313	2.9251-2.9285	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	249.92-251.36	249.99-250.97	37-122ds	175-312ds
Madrid	182.27-183.33	182.27-182.87	20-28ds	70-83ds
Milan	2187.81-2195.96	2186.20-2192.84	par-2ds	4-5ds
Montreal	1.8999-1.9162	1.8999-1.9036	0.42-0.37pr	0.80-0.71pr
New York	1.6615-1.6735	1.6615-1.6625	0.76-0.74pr	2.12-2.10pr
Oslo	11.4131-11.4553	11.4295-11.4530	1-⅞pr	1⅞-1pr
Paris	9.9380-9.9664	9.9457-9.9600	1⅞-1pr	2⅝-2⅛pr
Stockholm	10.6037-10.6509	10.6253-10.6483	⅜-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr
Tokyo	228.04-229.19	228.04-228.34	⅜-⅛pr	2⅝-1⅞pr
Vienna	20.5556-20.6117	20.5827-20.6117	3⅞-2⅞pr	7⅝-5⅝pr
Zurich	2.5517-2.5638	2.5587-2.5619	⅜-⅛pr	1⅜-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16465.2-16511.8
Australia dollar	2.1423-2.1456
Bahrain dinar	0.6265-0.6345
Brazil cruzeiro *	613.33-614.21
Cyprus pound	0.795-0.805
Finland marka	7.0975-7.1575
Greece drachma	321.15-324.35
Hong Kong dollar	12.9390-12.9465
India rupee	43.26-43.66
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6265-4.6310
Mexico peso	5070-5170
New Zealand dollar	2.9048-2.9117
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.235-6.315
Singapore dollar	2.8738-2.8782
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3025-5.3916
S Africa rand (com)	4.8018-4.8098
U A E dirham	6.1025-6.1825

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2855-1.2866
Austria	12.35-12.37
Belgium (Com)	36.15-36.19
Canada	1.1442-1.1447
Denmark	6.7750-6.7800
France	5.9850-5.9700
Germany	1.7585-1.7595
Hong Kong	7.7642-7.7652
Ireland	1.5215-1.5230
Italy	1315.0-1317.0
Japan	136.65-136.75
Malaysia	2.7762-2.7772
Netherlands	1.9800-1.9810
Norway	6.8600-6.8650
Portugal	150.45-150.65
Singapore	1.7245-1.7260
Spain	109.60-109.70
Sweden	6.3735-6.3785
Switzerland	1.5350-1.5357

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £1,510m allotted: £300m; Bids: £97.455% received: 47%; Last week: £97.43 % received: 45%; Avge rate: £10.2003% last wk £10.2645%; Next week: £300m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11 Low 10 Week fixed: 10%

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 10⁹⁄₃₂; 3 mth 10⅜ . Selling: 2 mth 10¹¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 10⅜ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10¹¹⁄₁₆-¹⁹⁄₃₂	10¹⁷⁄₃₂-¹⁵⁄₃₂	10¹³⁄₃₂-⁵⁄₁₆	10-9³¹⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	11-10¹⁵⁄₁₆	11-10¹³⁄₁₆	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10⅞	10¹³⁄₁₆-10⅜	10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⅝
Interbank:	11¹⁄₁₆-11	11-10¹⁵⁄₁₆	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10⅞	10¹³⁄₁₆-10⅜	10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⅝
(Overnight: open 11 , close 11⅛.					
Local Authority Deps:	10¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	10⅞	10⅝	10¹¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	10³¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂	10³¹⁄₃₂-¹⁵⁄₁₆	10²⁷⁄₃₂-10⅝	10¹¹⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆	10¹⁹⁄₃₂-10⅝
Dollar CDs:	5.67-5.62	5.70-5.65	5.67-5.62	5.80-5.75	6.02-5.97
Building Society CDs:	11-10¹⁵⁄₁₆	11-10³¹⁄₃₂	10²⁹⁄₃₂-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10²¹⁄₃₂-10⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Currency					
Dollar:	5⅝-4⅞	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅝-4⅞
Deutschemark:	9-8⅞	9⁵⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	9⅜-9⅛	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅜-8⅞	9⅜-9⅛	9⅝-9⅜	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅝-7⅞	8-7⅞	8-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆	8-7
Yen:	7⅞-7⅞	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅞	7⁷⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $357.00-357.50 Close: $357.80-358.30 High: $358.10-358.60 Low: $356.75-357.25 Krugerrand: $357.50-358.50 (£214.75-215.75)

Sovereigns: Old $84.00-85.00 (£50.40-51.40) New $83.75-84.75 (£50.10-51.10)

Platinum: $342.00 (£204.80) **Silver:** $4.00 (£2.405) **Palladium:** $78.25 (£46.85)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 37758	Sep 91	2638.0	2656.0	2632.0	2640.0	3829
	Dec 91	2679.0	2689.0	2679.0	2685.5	33
	Mar 92				2720.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 137177	Sep 91	89.26	89.30	89.25	89.26	10298
	Dec 91	89.79	89.80	89.75	89.76	8646
	Mar 92	89.99	90.01	89.96	89.98	2346
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 33702	Sep 91	94.30	94.30	94.28	94.30	1554
	Dec 91	93.99	93.99	93.96	93.96	1108
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 131367	Sep 91	90.70	90.70	90.67	90.69	4521
	Dec 91	90.70	90.70	90.67	90.69	7984
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3610	Sep 91	97-18	97-19	97-04	97-10	677
	Dec 91				96-16	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 53207	Sep 91	93-12	93-13	92-30	93-06	21489
	Dec 91	93-18	93-18	93-08	93-13	771
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	97.48	97.48	97.48	97.76	2
	Dec 91	97.86	97.92	97.76	97.36	1045
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 94924	Sep 91	85.05	85.15	84.82	84.91	36452
	Dec 91	85.32	85.34	85.06	85.06	863
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 5494	Sep 91	90.12	90.12	90.07	90.10	69
	Dec 91	90.17	90.18	90.13	90.16	29

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	669-668	Sep	511-510	Oct	192.8-90.8
Dec	710-709	Nov	535-534	Dec	187.8-80.6
Mar	744-743	Jan	557-555	Mar	179.8-78.6
May	762-761	Mar	575-573	May	182.2-79.8
Jul	779-778	May	unq	Aug	186.2-81.6
Sep	797-796	Jul	unq	Oct	187.8-82.8
Dec	821-820	Sep	unq		Vol: 341
Vol: 7332			Vol: 3950		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	112.00	Sep	109.40	Oct	128.00
Nov	115.90	Nov	113.40	Dec	134.30
Jan	119.60	Jan	116.65	Feb	136.50
Mar	122.90	Mar	119.60	Apr	138.00
May	125.80	May	121.35	Jun	136.00
Vol:	319	Vol:	70	Vol:	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 128

Mar (£/tonne)	Open: unq	Close: 115.3
Apr	109.0	110.3
May	unq	121.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.01	131.20	104.22
(+/-)	+0.78	+6.48	-1.70
Eng/Wales:	81.01	131.62	103.39
(+/-)	+0.78	+6.97	-2.07
(%)	+4.7	+24.7	-25.6
Scotland:	n/a	129.42	109.25
(+/-)	n/a	+4.24	-0.21
(%)	n/a	-5.5	-6.3

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

Aug	
Open:	83.0
Close:	82.5
Sep	
Open:	90.0
Close:	90.5
Oct	
Open:	99.0
Close:	96.5
Volume: 120	

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: The market took the news about the United Nations resolution to allow Iraq to sell some oil in its stride.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.35	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.40	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.55	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.45	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.45	+0.25

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	240 (n/c)	245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	187 (+2)	188 (+2)
Non EEC 2H Aug	187 (+2)	188 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	188 (+2)	189 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	67 (+1)	68 (+1)
Naphtha	206 (+2)	209 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Sep	188.00-87.75	Jan	190.25 SLR
Oct	189.75-89.50	Feb	184.50 BID
Nov	190.75 BID	Mar	178.50 BID
Dec	192.00-91.75		Vol: 2414

BRENT

Sep	19.35-19.45	Nov	19.60-19.70
Oct	19.50-19.60		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 91	1585	1580	1585
Sep 91	1661	1655	1661
Oct 91	1705	1695	1700
Jan 92	1702	1697	1697

Vol: 142 lots Open interest: 2373
Dry cargo index 1530 +12

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1322.0-1323.0	1347.5-1348.0	Vol: 375800
Lead (£/tonne)	320.50-321.50	331.50-333.00	29050
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1056.0-1058.5	1072.5-1073.0	143850
Tin ($/tonne)	5632.0-5633.0	5720.0-5725.0	6635
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1244.0-1245.0	1275.0-1276.0	460825
Nickel ($/tonne):	8150.0-8153.0	8165.0-8170.0	18458

FOX MGMB INDEX (5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	137.00	137.70
Dec	138.30	139.10
Mar	138.80	139.70
		Vol: 233

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Two medal-winners at the world cycling championships are disqualified for using steroids

Australians test positive for drugs

From Peter Bryan
in Stuttgart

CAREY Hall and Stephen Pate, both of Australia, respectively gold and bronze medal-winners in Wednesday's world professional sprint championship, have tested positive for steroids and were yesterday disqualified from the championship, given a suspended sentence of six months and fined SwFr3,000 (about £1,100).

The International Cycling Union (UCI) has also demanded the return of their championship medals and will not reclassify the result of the sprint, while the president of the Australian Cycling Federation promised to ban both riders from competing domestically for two years and urged the international body to follow suit.

Analysis of the riders' urine samples was made in Cologne by one of Europe's most experienced doctors in the field of drugs, Professor Manfred Dönike, who reported traces of stanozolol, one of the steroid group of drugs. Stanozolol was the drug which contributed to the downfall of the athlete, Ben Johnson, at the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988.

Earlier this year, another Australian, Martin Vinnicombe, the Commonwealth Games kilometre champion, received a year's suspension after he tested positive for steroids.

Neither Hall nor Pate was available for comment when news of the positive tests was made.

However, Ray Godkin, the Australian federation's president, said: "All they have done is bring shame upon Australian cycling. I don't care what the UCI say: in Australia they are out for two years. It's a disgrace. It's a disgrace."

Suggestions that a doping scandal was about to break had circulated throughout the press centre at the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer Halle, where the track championships are being held since early morning. However, all questions had been met with a "no comment" attitude by the international body's officials.

The Australian team manager, Rik Patterson, the son of the former world sprint champion, Sid Patterson, was reported to have said Pate had withdrawn from the rest of the championships for fear of being tested positive a second time.

"It is a rider's personal decision to take something. For them it is the difference between being an also-ran and a winner," Patterson said. "I would not condone it. They know they risk getting caught. It would need a phenomenally-gifted person to eat someone who was using something."

Pate, who cannot now compete in tonight's keirin race, won the world sprint title in Ghent, Belgium, in 1988 and was disqualified from first place in last year's keirin for dangerous riding. He holds three world track records: the kilometre standing start and the 500 metres and kilometre flying start. Both Pate and Hall are from Melbourne and were born within four days of each other in January, 1964.

Hall has had a previous suspension for steroids when, three years ago, his leg was broken in training. To avoid the risk of the muscles withering, he was put on a course of steroids in hospital, traces of which were later revealed in a dope test.

At this year's championships, the top four riders in every final are tested and the first two and a further two at random in all qualifying rounds.

Petra Rössner, of Germany, won the gold medal in the women's 3km individual pursuit, ahead of Janie Eickhoff, of the United States, who won the silver medal, and Marion Clignet, of France, who took the bronze.

Pride before the fall: Hall, left, and Pate celebrate their medal-winning performances in Stuttgart before their use of steroids was discovered

RESULTS: Men: Professional pursuit: Semi-finals: First heat: 1, S Wallace (GB), 5min 35.45sec; 2, C Sturgess (GB), 5:38.56. Second heat: 1, F Moreau (Fr), 5:33.76; 2, V Ekimov (USSR), 5:39.10. Amateur sprint: Final: J Fiedler (Ger, 10.78, 11.44) bt B Huck (Ger, 10.85), 2-1. Bronze medal: G Neiwand (Aus, 11.09, 12.45) bt K Harnett (Can, 10.65), 2-1. Amateur 50km motor-paced final: 1, R Königshofer (Austria), 42:46.69; 2, D Solari (It), at 2 laps; 3, C Podlesch (Ger), at 2. Amateur 4,000m team pursuit: Quarter finals: First heat: 1, Soviet Union, 4:09.07; 2, France, 4:16.24. Second heat: 1, Denmark, 4:09.22; 2, Czechoslovakia, 4:15.93. Third heat: 1, Australia, 4:08.13; 2, New Zealand, 4:13.74. Fourth heat: 1, Germany, 4:07.70; 2, Netherlands, 4:14.56. Women: Sprint: Final: I Haringa (Neth, 11.94, 12.06) bt A Neumann (Ger), 2-0. Bronze medal: C Paraskevin-Young (US, 12.69, 12.22) bt F Ballanger (Fr), 2-0. Individual pursuit: Semi-finals: First heat: 1, P Rossner (Ger), 3:38.94; 2, M Clignet (Fr), 3:39.50. Second heat: 1, J Eickhoff (US), 3:39.88; 2, K Watelet (Bel), 3:43.53.

☐ Davide Cassani, a member of the Italian team for the next world road race championships in Stuttgart, yesterday won the Coppa Agostoni race in Lissone in the north of Italy, beating Charly Mottet, of France, and his countryman, Roberto Gusmeroli, by 15 seconds at the finish line.

A production all at sea yet so ship-shape

Laura Thompson

There is a charming example of the upper-middle class comedy of manners entitled *The Fastnet*. The ostensible action of this play takes place offstage in a 605-mile yacht race between the coasts of England and Ireland; the real action takes place in a yacht club bar in Plymouth.

This week I took part in the play, assuming the role of The Club Tart, or the only woman on stage wearing a skirt. My performance was a success, since the piece plays so perfectly that anyone with half an antenna could pick up the genre: 1930s Frederick Lonsdale (Noel Coward with good humour instead of wit) performed in sailing shoes and cruising clothes, a prurient pinch of *Carry On Up Your Rear Admiral* and a vague, blind nod in the nouveau direction of *Howard's Way*.

SETTING: THE ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB

A bar, and beyond it an area with deep chairs strewn with copies of The Daily Telegraph, *glass cases full of silver trophies, lifesize pictures of The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, a telescope and a balcony. A backcloth depicts Plymouth Sound. Boats parked on land like cars, boats rocking quiescent in the sea, sails reaching upwards like steeples into a ravishing clean sky; a stone fortress wall curving like the back of a prone and ancient reptile; the fluttering of flags, the fluttering of the ruffled awnings upon sponsors' tents.*

SOUND EFFECTS

Seagulls.

CHARACTERS

SIR SALTY SEADOG — *an ancient mariner, with a navy cap, a square-shaped weatherproof jacket, slightly too short trousers, a pipe and a peeling nose.*

ROBIN YACHTIE — *late thirties, wearing a rugby-style shirt with an anchor motif. Once took part in the Fastnet Race, now has a boat moored in Plymouth. Says: "I'm just going out to sea," as one might say: "I'm just nipping off for a swift half." Asks* THE CLUB TART *to go with him, an invitation which engages most of the cast in a very merry interlude.*

ROBIN VERY-GENIAL — *has no yacht of his own but knows a great many people who have. Tells* THE CLUB TART *about them all, in unrepeatable detail.*

ROBIN GLAMOROUS — *full of fun and ozone, having just completed the race. Long shorts, suntan, sponsors' shirt. Marriageable. Lookalike of cricketer Robin Smith; moustache, centre-parting, hollow eyes, stocky, manly.*

ROBIN REALLY-RICH — *can afford to adopt the Mintcake Mentality which thrills to deprivation and endurance. As the Mentality is self-imposed it can always be countered with satiety and luxury and pheasant and claret and women.*

CAPTAIN BIRD'S EYE — *an old man with a white beard.*

LADY SEADOG — *dressed so similarly to her husband that a communal wardrobe in the yacht living quarters may be inferred.*

ALICIA SEADOG — *granddaughter to the above, camp follower of* ROBIN GLAMOROUS. *Hangs around stretching the pockets of her Guernsey and watching newly-returned Fastnet crews as they get strenuous with ropes, unpack stale Tracker bars and empty water out of everything. Afterwards sits with them while they eat a five-course breakfast.*

All characters wear the same shoes: boat-shaped, with Eddie Cochran soles and a laced bow at the instep. These shoes are vital to the action and must be obtained for productions. Excepting the last, all characters have the same smile, a sudden baring of the teeth and jerking back of the head as if in joyful, ferocious contention with a Force 10 gale.

PLOT

Breakfast, then drinks. Then a spot of lunch, followed by some drinks, then a cup of tea, a few drinks, then dinner, followed by drinks. Also, the arrival of yachts. But in The Fastnet *the yachts do not arrive in an all-consuming wave which brings the action to a standstill and the curtain down for the interval. They arrive in steady background ripples which give to the play its meaning and shape and to the characters their motivation and basic dialogue.*

Sub-plots occasionally threaten to develop, as with the members of the Rothmans crew. Their sponsor is selling its yacht because cigarette advertising is forbidden in Australasia, where it had intended the boat to show itself. But this potentially tragic development is subsumed into the spirit of the play when Robin Very-Genial offers to the crew drinks followed by a spot of lunch.

Despite the sponsorship logos, *The Fastnet* remains a delightful period piece, undemanding, easy on eye and ear. It conveys the club mentality in which those who compete, those who once competed and those who cannot compete are united in a love and understanding of the foolhardy, challenging, unnecessary thing that they do: the motor racing set, crossed with a convention of gentlemen farmers. What sort of audience the play attracts I cannot say, since absolutely everybody around me was acting their part to perfection; always starting — as Laurence Olivier maintained one should — with the feet, with the sailing shoes.

SHOOTING

Jones looks on target to upstage seniors

By our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

IAN Jones, aged 18, of Victoria College, Jersey, one of Britain's cadet shooters, the Athelings, gave his seniors a surprise by overtaking the leaders in the overall competition at the Canadian national championships in Ottawa as it entered its last stage yesterday.

Jones, by scoring 148 out of a possible 150, for third place in the Gibson Trophy at short range, overtook the overall leaders by one point. He went into the final event with 726 to count against Alain Marion, the Canadian Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, and the British pair, Graham Atkinson and Jeremy Langley, all on a score of 725.

RESULTS: Gibson Trophy (300m, 500y and 600y): 1, G Chase (Can), 149; 2, J Bigger (Can), 148; 3, I Jones (GB), 148. All-comers aggregate: Tie to be reshot between N Brasier (GB) and C Beecher (GB), 593. Maple Leaf aggregate: 1, Beecher, 363; 2, A Marion (Can), 361; 3, A Luckman (GB), 360. Junior aggregate: Tie to be reshot between D Laddew (GB) and Jones, 588; 3, B Horwood (Jersey), 580. Grand aggregate (one match to go): 1, Jones, 726; =2, Marion, J Paton (Can), G Atkinson (GB), J Langley (GB), all 725; A Ringer, 724.

☐ A Peruvian pistol shooter, Pedro Garcia Miro, has been stripped of his silver medal at the Pan-American Games in Cuba after testing positive for propanolol, one of a group of drugs known as betablockers.

RUGBY UNION

Evans facing better future

By Peter Bills

SLUMPED dejectedly in an Australian dressing-room a month ago, a morose figure thinking he could never again face such humiliation on the international field, Ieuan Evans, the Llanelli wing, looked an unlikely candidate for the captaincy of Wales.

However, yesterday, the day after his confirmation in that post, Evans contemplated a new challenge and promised that his style of leadership will resemble that of his British Lions captain, the Scot, Finlay Calder. "I will not be bouncing people off the four walls of a dressing-room before we go out for a match," he said, "because one of the things I learned from Finlay was the need to handle everyone differently.

"I am capable of shouting my head off and I probably will at the flankers. They need to be thoroughly geed up. But a stand-off half must be cool and in control when he goes out. A few quiet words to him would suffice. Everyone is different and reacts to individual treatment.

"Another captain I learned much from was Phil May, the Llanelli second-row forward. I hope to put into practise all the things I have picked up from playing under a variety of people."

Evans insisted he cannot be a "fire and brimstone" leader. Besides, he said, there should be sufficient motivation for each individual simply through representing Wales.

"It is the confidence more than the pride which has been shattered," he said. "I too came back from Australia thoroughly disheartened. You would not have been normal if you hadn't; it was an absolutely soul-destroying trip.

"Yet I know Wales have the talent to succeed again. Players don't believe in themselves at the moment and that has to be restored. It is up to us [the players] to turn things around. Only those who go on the field are capable of influencing things decisively."

Heading for Barcelona Nations Cup

MR PETER Garrick is the winner of *The Times* competition offering a trip for two to Barcelona for the IYRU Land-Rover Nations Cup next month. Mr Garrick, who lives at Macers Lane, Wormley, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, and a friend will be the guests of Land-Rover throughout the final stages of this new international yachting series.

None of the entrants correctly answered all the questions, but Mr Garrick's entry was selected from all those with four correct answers.

ANSWERS: 1, 1826; 2, The Wight Ball; 3, Britannia Challenge Cup and New York Yacht Club Challenge Club; 4, Flying Fifteen Cowslip in 1974 (skippered by the Prince of Wales and crewed by John Collis); 5, Yeoman XXVII.

HOCKEY

Defence could be decisive

By Sydney Friskin

THERE should be a gathering of the faithful today at Prescot for the Minet Insurance Challenge between Great Britain and Pakistan, Olympic and Asian champions respectively.

In Melbourne last November, Britain earned a 2-1 victory over Pakistan in the twelfth Champions Trophy. In April, England beat Pakistan 1-0 in a six nations tournament at Madrid. In both matches, Pakistan found it difficult to break through a tightly-controlled defence.

Bernie Cotton, the British team manager, said yesterday he had no last-minute problems and that he would not nominate the captain until today. While picking the defence looks a fairly simple matter, the choice of the attack provides scope for speculation.

Sean Kerly should start at centre forward and make way later for Robert Thompson. Thompson, who is in top form, may, however, find a place at outside left to enhance the sharpness up front. The inside right position is between Garcia and Shaw with Clift at inside left.

GREAT BRITAIN (probable): S Rowlands (Havant); D Faulkner (Havant); P Bolland (Hounslow), J Potter (Hounslow), J Laslett (Teddington), R Hill (Havant), S Batchelor (E Grinstead), R Garcia (Havant), S Kerly (Southgate), R Clift (E Grinstead), R Thompson (Hounslow).

PAKISTAN (probable): Mansoor Ahmed; Rana Mujahid, Khalid Bashir, Akhlaq Ahmed; Mohammed Khalid, Kwaja Mohammed Junaid; Qamar Ibrahim, Tahir Zaman, Mohammed Irfan, Shahbaz Ahmed, Wasim Feroze.

Laker proving his ability

By Ken Lawrence

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

SEVEN years ago Ian Laker decided to discover "where and what I wanted to be". He took two years away from work and trained, for four hours and more every day, to improve his skills as a wheelchair basketball player. Today Laker, aged 31, is a guard for LGS Jets. A qualified coach, he and three friends also run a business that is booming, even in the recession.

This evening (Channel 4, 6.30) you can see Laker in action in the *Big 8*, a new six-programme series featuring the country's leading eight wheelchair basketball teams in a knockout tournament.

Apart from presenting paraplegics as normal sportsmen, the programme also sends out a message to all who have a handicap or think that life has treated them unfairly. "Never give up."

Laker was born with spina bifida but conceded nothing to his disability. Playing basketball, he insists, has become "the main groove of my life". "It has given me and can give others the confidence to get out and do something. You do not sit around and mope."

After those two years spent discovering himself, Laker and three friends, all of them also disabled, set up a business selling second-hand wheelchairs. In tonight's programme he talks of "aggressive skill with a wheelchair". The chairs can cost anything up to £1,500 each and the way these players manoeuvre them is incredible. It takes skill and fitness and many of the 500 league players train for 20 hours a week and more.

You may find, as you watch this evening, that you forget these competitors are disabled, which will please the producer, Martin Duffy, who runs The Ideas Factory in Stockport, himself a paraplegic. Duffy set out "to produce a sports programme that was entertaining and featured the elite of a sport".

There is a points system, ranging from 1 to 4 according to the degree of disability and a player's balance. If a team makes a substitution and exceeds 13½ points they are penalised for a technical foul. "It is like an able-bodied team being allowed one 7ft player, one at 6ft 8in, one at 6ft 4in and two under 6ft. Height is all important," Laker said.

Duffy hopes that this series will be the forerunner to many more involving disabled sportsmen. "This is genuine sport, genuine competition. These people are real athletes. I only hope that viewers look beyond the wheelchairs and at their ability."

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: The return of League football brings back *Saint and Greavsie* (ITV 1.10pm). *Grandstand* also takes in the NM English Open golf at The Belfry and Great Britain's hockey meeting with Pakistan. The US PGA International golf is live on Screensport from Colorado (9pm) while live boxing on Sky Sports (10pm) is preceded by the *Classic Cup Final* (8pm), the Coventry City-Tottenham Hotspur final of 1987.

TOMORROW: A day for golf enthusiasts with concluding rounds from The Belfry (BBC2, from 1.25pm and Sky Sports at 8pm), from Colorado (Screensport 8pm), and the repeat of the Weetabix British Women's Open from Woburn (also BBC2). The first of six in a football series, *The London Match*, is on LWT (5.05pm).

MONDAY: The story of the Volvo European Golf Tour is on Screensport (10pm) and Sky Sports has highlights from the Newhaven tennis finals (8pm).

TUESDAY: In 1983, the last time *Junior Pot Black* was staged, John Parrott won and a 12-year-old, Stephen Hendry, was discovered. Today eight players under 16 begin the 1991 *revival* (BBC1, 11.05am each day this week). The York race meeting is on Channel 4 (2pm today and also Wednesday and Thursday).

WEDNESDAY: Arnold Palmer is on BBC2 (7.25pm) in a 40-minute wrap-up of the British Seniors Open golf at Royal Lytham. *Thames Sports Special* (10.40pm most regions) has European Cup Winners' Cup and Rumbelows Cup football news.

THURSDAY: Sri Lanka open their Test match against England at Lord's (BBC2 10.50am). Athletics coaches, once supposed neither to be seen nor heard, now seek the limelight and a share of the fortune; *On The Line* (BBC2 8pm) examines the changing face of the sport.

FRIDAY: Sally Jones (BBC1 12.05pm) asks if horse racing is a champagne industry labouring on a lemonade budget. Judge for yourself when BBC1 cameras are at Goodwood (2.25pm) and Channel 4 at Newmarket (2.30pm). There will be a champagne atmosphere in Tokyo where the world athletics championships open tomorrow. Desmond Lynam and David Coleman preview (BBC2 6.30pm).

WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Arsenal v QPR
Chelsea v Wimbledon
Coventry v Manchester C
Liverpool v Oldham
Manchester U v Notts Co
Norwich v Sheffield U
Nottm Forest v Everton (all ticket)
Sheffield W v Aston Villa (all ticket)
Southampton v Tottenham (all ticket)
West Ham v Luton

POSTPONED: Crystal Palace v Leeds.

Second division

Blackburn v Portsmouth
Brighton v Tranmere
Bristol R v Ipswich
Grimsby v Cambridge
Middlesbrough v Millwall
Plymouth v Barnsley
Port Vale v Oxford
Southend v Bristol C
Sunderland v Derby
Swindon v Leicester
Watford v Wolverhampton

Third division

Birmingham v Bury
Bolton v Huddersfield
Bournemouth v Darlington
Bradford v Stoke
Brentford v Orient
Chester v Fulham
Peterborough U v Preston
Reading v Hull
Stockport v Swansea
Torquay v Hartlepool
West Bromwich Albion v Exeter

Fourth division

Barnet v Crewe
Blackpool v Walsall
Cardiff v Lincoln
Chesterfield v Maidstone
Doncaster v Carlisle
Gillingham v Scunthorpe
Halifax v Northampton
Rochdale v York
Rotherham v Burnley
Scarborough v Mansfield T
Wrexham v Hereford U

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Kettering
Boston v Merthyr Tydfil
Cheltenham v Witton
Colchester v Macclesfield
Northwich v Bath
Runcorn v Welling
Slough v Kidderminster H
Stafford Rangers v Farnborough T
Telford v Redbridge
Wycombe v Gateshead
Yeovil v Barrow

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen v Dunfermline
Celtic v Falkirk
Hearts v Rangers
Motherwell v Hibernian
St Johnstone v Dundee U
St Mirren v Airdrie

First division

Ayr v Clydebank
Dundee v Meadowbank
Hamilton v Morton
Partick v Kilmarnock
Raith v Forfar
Stirling v Montrose

Second division

Albion R v Alloa
Arbroath v Stranraer
Dumbarton v Berwick
E Fife v Queen's Park
E Stirling v Cowdenbeath
Queen of South v Clyde
Stenhsmuir v Brechin

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Bristol Manor Farm; Chard T v Liskeard A; Chippenham T v Dawlish T; Clevedon T v Exmouth T; Elmore v Plymouth A; Minehead v Frome T; Ottery St Mary v Mangotsfield U; Paulton R v Torrington; Saltash U v Welton R; Taunton T v Weston-super-Mare.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Bashley; Burton v Crawley; Cambridge C v Halesowen; Chelmsford v Poole, Dartford v Bromsgrove; Fisher Ath v VS Rugby; Gloucester v Wealdstone; Moor Green v Dorchester; Trowbridge v Dover; Waterlooville v Corby; Worcester v Gravesend.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Manchester U (2.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Portsmouth v Arsenal (2.0); Tottenham H v Brighton.

IRISH LOMBARD ULSTER CUP: First round: Section A: Portadown v Ards; Coleraine v Ballymena. Section B: Bangor v Crusaders; Carrick v Linfield. Section C: Ballyclare v Cliftonville; Glentoran v Distillery. Section D: Glenavon v Omagh; Larne v Newry.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Woolwich EBA national championships.

EBBW VALE: Welsh club championship.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby West End: Derbyshire v Worcestershire

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: March Conservative: Cambridgeshire v Essex. Framlingham Castle: Suffolk v Bedfordshire.

COUNTY MATCHES: Waddesdon: Buckinghamshire v Warwickshire; Harrogate: Harrogate v Yorkshire; Banbury Borough: Oxfordshire v Northamptonshire, Devizes: Wiltshire v Hertfordshire.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Dairy Crest AAA/WAAA Under-17 championships (Crystal Palace); Northern Ireland v Achilles (Antrim); Panasonic men's Midland League (various venues).

GOLF: NM English Open (The Belfry); Youth International: GB and Ireland v Europe (Dalmahoy).

GLIDING: European women's championships (Coventry); national championships, open class (Church Enstone).

HOCKEY: Men's International: Great Britain v Pakistan (Prescot, 12.30)

MOTORCYCLING: ACU Shell Cup (Oulton Park).

MOTOR SPORT: FIA International Formula 3000 championship (Brands Hatch)

POLO: National 16-goal championship (Cirencester Park); national 18-goal championship (Cheshire PC, Oulton).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League (7.30 unless stated): First division: King's Lynn v Reading; Swindon v Eastbourne. Second division: Stoke v Arena Essex. BSPA Cup: Quarter-final: Berwick v Ipswich (7.0). Clubcall Trophy: Second leg: Coventry v Wolverhampton. Bradford: Open meeting.

TENNIS: Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham).

YACHTING: Fastnet Race (finish, Plymouth); Optimist nationals (Torquay), world youth championships (Largs).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division

Charlton v Newcastle U
(at Upton Park, 1.0)

Third division

Shrewsbury v Wigan (1.0)

LEAGUE OF IRELAND LEAGUE CUP: First round (3.30): Athlone v Dundalk; Bohemians v St Patrick's A; Cork City v Waterford; Drogheda v Monaghan U; Fanad U v Derry; Finn Harps v Sligo; Home Farm v Bray W; Kilkenny v Cobh Ramblers; Limerick v Galway; Salt Hill v Longford, Shamrock v Shelbourne; St James's v UCD.

BOWLS

WORTHING: English Bowls Association under-25 singles tournament

NEWTOWN: NatWest Welsh counties championship.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Dairy Crest AAA/WAAA Under-17 championships (Crystal Palace), Panasonic men's Scottish League (various venues); Llanrwst 10km (including AAW championship)

GOLF: NM English Open (The Belfry)

GLIDING: National championships, open class (Church Enstone).

MOTOR CYCLING: ACU Shell Cup (Oulton Park).

MOTOR SPORT: FIA International Formula 3,000 championships (Brands Hatch).

POLO: National 16-goal championship (Cirencester Park); national 18-goal championship (Cheshire PC, Oulton).

POWERBOATING: Needles Trophy (Poole)

SHOOTING: National smallbore rifle championships (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League: Glasgow v Peterborough (6.30); Newcastle v Arena Essex (7.0); Rye House v Long Eaton (4.30).

TENNIS: Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham).

YACHTING: Fastnet Race (finish, Plymouth); Laser nationals (Mumbles YC); Formula one world grand prix series (Clyde); 505 national championships (Mount's Bay, Cornwall)

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Taiwan upholds sporting ideals against hostility

Amateurs thrive on island of business acumen

From DAVID MILLER IN HONG KONG

AT A recent sports-for-all conference in Seoul, Nancy Chao, the minister for sport for Taiwan, addressing with a government representative from the neighbouring People's Republic of China an audience of 100 educationalists, was surprised to hear her colleague challenge her views on the grounds that, *strictly speaking, she did not* exist, and therefore her opinions were invalid.

Exist Dr Chao most certainly does. A former ballerina and gymnast, she is responsible for a department of physical education and sport that spans more *per head of its* 20 million population than does either Britain or mainland China. The People's Republic, however, occasionally finds its ideology leading it into positions of laughable hypocrisy. Therein lies the greatest limit to its development. The People's Republic speaker in Seoul subsequently apologised, embarrassed by her duplicity.

After the recent severe flooding in southern China, Taiwan and Hong Kong donated considerable relief funds, Taiwan a whopping $15 million. Yet at last year's congress of the Olympic Council of Asia before the Asian Games in Peking, representatives of the China National Olympic Committee solemnly condemned the bid by the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee — its compromise title within the IOC in order to sustain mutual membership with big brother — on the grounds that the People's Republic team could not compete in 1998 in the land of Chiang Kai-shek. Bangkok won the bid.

The People's Republic government continues to try to pretend that the island is not there. When Taiwan has the world's second largest foreign reserve, $76 billion, and is the thirteenth largest trading country in the world, it is a trifle absurd. No People's Republic team has competed in Taiwan, yet more than 20 Taiwan teams have been to the mainland since their gymnasts broke the ice in 1989.

That was the work of three men. When Ching-Kuo Wu was elected as replacement for the retiring Henry Hsu as Taiwan IOC member at the Calgary Winter Games in *1988, Juan Antonio* Samaranch called him to a private meeting together with He Zhenliang, the People's Republic member. Get your act together for the benefit of youth, Samaranch said. At a personal level, they did.

Month in, *month out*, mainland and island freely communicate by phone and fax. The moment it looks as though Taiwan might receive some further formal international recognition — in the shape of hosting a big event — the government throws up an extension of the Great Wall. Sooner or later the People's Republic may realise that what they are keeping out is themselves; and the evidence might just take the shape of *rejection of their Olympic bid* for 2000.

It is strange how the ideological gulf can continue to separate the two Chinese republics and the two Koreas, when the respective communist regimes urgently need access to the commercial expertise of their blood relations. It is the more peculiar in the case of the Chinese, given their philosophy over five millenia. Yet to the Chinese, with their unique patience, 40 years of separation is no more than a blink in the history of dynasties. *Wu, an architect* who helped develop Milton Keynes and is involved in Taiwan's $300 billion infrastructure development over the next six years, says placidly: "We are willing to wait 100 years for reunion, maybe 200. It will happen."

Last night I was invited to another sort of reunion: a dinner for nine of the Taipei Olympic Committee which fought to save the committee when it was threatened with removal from the IOC at the end of the Seventies. In a rare way, the Taiwanese come closer to de Coubertin's conception of sport than any contemporary nation taking part in the Olympic Games.

Their government spends *15 per cent of its annual* budget on education, and six per cent of that on sport; yet this is not producing international medals. The money goes primarily on facilities and grass-roots development rather than elite coaching.

"The Confucius conception of fitness of the body is to fulfil the completion of the person," Professor Hsu Din, a former diplomat and veteran adviser to their Olympic committee, says. "We are not looking in *sport for the creation of stars.* Sport has lost its way and its meaning. It is now merely manipulated by governments. What is important is education."

By his measurement, the United States and the People's Republic are about equally at fault. Taiwan are as distressed by their tally of only three Olympic medals in 30 years as somebody missing breakfast.

ROWING

Coxless pair lead medal challenge

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

NOT since 1948 has Britain won two gold medals at an Olympic Games or world championships, *but* the six-boat British men's heavyweight squad, the strongest assembled in this country, will be disappointed if two gold medals are not won in the world championship finals taking place tomorrow week after seven days of competition in Vienna.

The coxless pair of Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent lead the challenge with an unbeaten year behind them. Redgrave, with four gold medals at this level already to his credit and admitting to a new motivation under the new coach, Jurgen Grobler, said: "We have got to do something seriously wrong to lose it."

Pinsent is equally confident: "I shall be disappointed if I do not return with a gold medal around my neck," he said. A more cautious Grobler, however, has warned that the leading Austrians, Sinzinger and Bauer, winners at Henley in 1990, will have home advantage.

The British coxed four has shared the 1991 limelight with Germany, the international score between the two crews standing at 3-2 in favour of Britain as the championships begin. The British crew, stroked by Redgrave's former pairs partner, Simon Berrisford, has benefited *from altitude training* since it produced a notable win over the Germans in Lucerne.

The bow pair, Peter Mulkerrins and Nick Burfitt, have been in international action since 1986 and have the galling record of six fourth places in Olympics and world championships to their credit while Terry Dillon, at three, has just one bronze medal to show for six appearances in both since 1985.

"The gold will depend on which crew gets it right on the day," Dillon said, something which could be affected by steersman, Adrian Ellison, an experienced Olympic gold medal-winner. Both the eight and the coxless four have been helped by personnel switches since Lucerne and Grobler sees "a chance for a medal" for the bigger boat.

Medals for the ten-boat women's and lightweight squads, are harder to foresee. The women's lightweight coxless four should make their final but, as their stroke, Kate Brownlow, noted after winning in Lucerne, the appearance of the United States, China, and Australia will make medal winning difficult.

TENNIS

Patience pays off for Durie

From BARRY WOOD
IN LOS ANGELES

JO DURIE followed up her win over Zina Garrison on Thursday by defeating Gretchen Magers 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament yesterday.

Although Magers was the more adventurous of the two serve-and-volleyers, she was also the one most likely to make errors. Durie preferred to take a more patient and calculated role and the quality of Magers's approaches were not good enough on the day.

Durie held the upper hand *throughout*, breaking serve twice, for 2-0 and 4-2, only to lose her serve immediately each time, and even when she broke a third time to lead 5-3 she had to save a break point before claiming the set. In the second set, Durie needed just one break, for 4-3 to seal victory.

Durie will now meet Kimiko Date, aged 20, a qualifier from Japan.

RESULTS: Third round: M Seles (Yug) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-4, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt D Graham (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt M Pierce (Fr), 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; M Paz (Arg) bt A Frazier (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-1; L McNeil (US) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-7, 6-0, 6-7, K Date (Japan) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 6-2, 6-2; J Durie (GB) bt G Magers (US), 6-3, 6-4.

O'Neill seeks League place

Walter Gammie previews the non-League football season

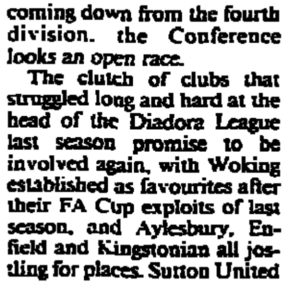
MARTIN O'Neill's decision this summer to turn down the chance of managing Bristol Rovers to remain with Wycombe Wanderers was a fine tribute to the GM Vauxhall Conference. O'Neill has never made a secret of his feeling that his proper place is in *Football League management* and yet he chose to pursue that ambition through Wycombe, who kick off the season at home to Gateshead today.

The fine facilities of Wycombe's acclaimed new ground, Adams Park, and a *side that finished the season* in a blaze of glory by winning the FA Trophy at Wembley with a potent forward combination of West and Scott to the fore, must have helped O'Neill make up his mind.

The trend for prominent former Football League players to cut their managerial teeth in the Conference further reflects the clubs' awareness that high standards of professionalism and organisation are needed to successfully pursue the elusive goal of the lone League place up for grabs. Sammy McIlroy has taken charge of Northwich Victoria, in succession to Martin Dobson, whose brief stay ended when he took the job O'Neill did not want at Twerton Park.

Ally Robertson is at the helm at Cheltenham after his promising start at Worcester City went adrift last season, and Roy McDonough has *taken over as player-manager* at Colchester United after Ian Atkins's return to join the staff at Birmingham City.

Stan Allan, having ushered Witton Albion into the Conference, has left to rejoin his first love, Altrincham, after *the surprising resignation of* John King, with the former Runcorn manager, Peter O'Brien, taking over at Witton for what promises to be a particularly lively season in Northwich, and Cheshire as a whole.



O'Neill: League ambition

Peter Morris, who has ripped apart and rebuilt the Kettering side that ran out of steam after leading the Conference for so long last season, Graham Allner, of Kidderminster Harriers, and Ray Wilkie, of Barrow, represent the breed of manager well-versed in the requirements of the league. And with the long-awaited elevation of Barnet and the absence of a club coming down from the fourth division, the Conference *looks an open race.*

The clutch of clubs that struggled long and hard at the head of the Diadora League last season promise to be involved again, with Woking established as favourites after their FA Cup exploits of last season, and Aylesbury, Enfield and Kingstonian all jostling for places. Sutton United will be looking for a return to the Conference as swift at Farnborough's from the Beazer Homes League last season.

Dover Athletic, who were champions two years ago but barred from the Conference for failing to have their ground improved in time and just behind the pace last season, have much to prove in the Beazer Homes League chase this season.

Hannon continues impressive run with Hungerford Stakes victory at Newbury

JULIAN HERBERT

Driving finish: Only Yours, left, mastering her rivals in the Forte Hungerford Stakes at Newbury yesterday

Hern complains after Claret win

By RICHARD EVANS

MAJOR Dick Hern yesterday joined forces with Henry Cecil in decrying the lack of racing opportunities for horses just below top class.

His comments came after watching Claret carry 9st 10lb to victory in the Ladbrokes Raceaid Handicap at Newbury yesterday. Asked where the game three-year-old would run next, he commented: "You tell me. Henry Cecil is quite right. There are not enough races for horses just below top class.

"You get murdered with weight in handicaps and you are always there to be shot at. There should be more condition races or limited handicaps for horses like this one. I am sure the *public would like that.*

"I could run Claret pretty often if there was top weight of 9st 7lb and bottom weight of 8st 7lb. They would make very good races. There is nothing for horses like this one and it doesn't encourage owners to keep four-year-olds in training."

Claret's victory was achieved, interestingly enough, at the expense of Piquant, owned by the Queen, and confirmed the well-being of Hern's string. "Our horses have not been right but they have struck a bit of form now. We had the virus. Even the highest in the land can get it. It is no respector of persons. It is like *a cold, there is nothing you can* do about it except wait," Hern added.

Richard Hannon must have forgotten what it is like to wait for a winner. Only Yours provided the East Everleigh trainer with his sixth winner this week and the fourteenth this month to take his tally for the season to a best-ever 78.

"When horses are running well it is a lovely feeling. It is a real thrill. You could run the yard cat when things are going well and it would win," he joked.

As so often happens when a trainer is in tip-top form, his horses often find luck in running. Only Yours managed to find all kinds of trouble in the Forte Hungerford Stakes before Michael Roberts performed a Houdini-style escape.

Trapped behind a wall of horses with little more than a furlong to go, the South African jockey had to switch and wait for a gap to appear. When it did, Only Yours rocketed through to win comfortably in the end by three-quarters of a length.

By contrast, Rami, the 2-1 favourite, had no luck in running, being trapped on the rails *just when Willie Carson was* making his run, and finished third.

With Hannon in such sparkling form, punters would be wise to pay careful attention to his runners at York next week. He is bullish about the chances of River Falls in the Gimcrack Stakes and reported that First Victory worked really well yesterday morning in preparation for the Ebor Handicap.

Peter Chapple-Hyam's marvellous first season continued yesterday when Rodrigo De Triano again displayed splendid *acceleration in the final furlong* to win a hotly-contested Washington Singer Stakes.

The El Gran Senor colt is entered in the Solario Stakes at Sandown on August 30, when he could meet Charlie Nelson's unbeaten Artic Tracker, and the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster on September 13.

"He is a May foal and I would not want to give him too much more racing this year. He'll probably have one more race before he is put away. I think he will be even better next season. El Gran Senor doesn't get many in foal, but I have got two and they are both good."

Be A Honey showed *what a* game filly she is to win the Newtown Stakes and is likely to be aimed for the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster. The race almost ended in disaster for Walter Swinburn, recently returned to riding after injury, when The Glasha failed to negotiate the bend into the straight and almost put the jockey over the far rail.

The building work at Newbury is progressing quickly and the shell of the new grandstand is already in place. Whether Lord Carnarvon, *chairman of the course*, has considered having a creche installed is questionable, but that might prevent a repeat of what happened yesterday, inside the parade ring as horses walked round before the Hungerford Stakes, a woman was breastfeeding her child. The tragedy and recriminations thait would have occurred if a horse had lashed out do not bear thinking about.

Kergorlay attracts strong raid

THE Goodwood Cup winner Further Flight (Michael Hills) heads a strong British challenge for today's Prix Kergorlay (1m 7f) at Deauville (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The £25,458 event has developed into a clash between some of the best stayers on both sides of the channel.

Barry Hills's five-year-old is joined by Great Marquess (Paul Eddery), Duke Of Paducah (Ray Cochrane), Trainglot (William Mongil) and Mountain Kingdom (Steve Cauthen), while the home defence includes Jonathan Pease's Turgeon (Cash Asmussen) and Andre Fabre's Luynes (Thierry Jarnet).

Only British representative tomorrow is Richard Hannon's Knight Of Mercy (Bruce Raymond) in the six-furlong Prix de Meautry when the feature event is group one Prix Morny for two-year-olds.

However, despite prize-money of over £100,000, it has only attracted four runners with the unbeaten Arazi a strong favourite.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f 8yd) 1, HIGH SEVENS (C Rutter, 16-1); 2, Toussaud (W R Swinburn, 11-2 fav); 3, Milagro (R Perham, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Petite Sonnerie (6th), 15-2 Pleasuring, 11 Shakela, Soul Trader, 12 Arboretum (5th), Ellafitzetty (4th), Falsen, Marvelous Molly, Neat, White Wedding, 14 Evening Dress, Top Song, 20 Affa, Goodniteout, Make Me Proud, Sea Cloud, 33 Silken Words, Weekend Girl. 21 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 2½l, nk, sh hd. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £34.40: £8.90, £2.70, £2.70. DF: £172.80. CSF: £115.03. 1min 13.88sec.

2.35 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, BE A HONEY (W Carson, 5-2 fav); 2, Kilmarnock (R Cochrane, 3-1); 3, Jimill (R Hills, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 The Glasha (6th), 8 Seize The Day (4th), 33 Yimkin Bookra (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, 6l, 4l, 2½l, dist. N Graham at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.37. 2min 31.57sec.

3.10 (7f 64yd) 1, ONLY YOURS (M Roberts, 11-2); 2, Jimmy Barnie (J Reid, 13-2); 3, Rami (W Carson, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Melpomene (5th), 11-2 Nicholas, 8 Swordsmith, 11 Shalford (4th), 16 Sylva Honda (6th), 50 Appledorn. 9 ran. ¾l, ¾l, ½l, 1l, 2½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £12.20. CSF: £36.85. 1min 27.37sec.

3.45 (1m 7yd) 1, CLARET (W Carson, 13-2; Thunderer's nap); 2, Piquant (M Roberts, 8-1); 3, Scatter (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Batzushka (4th), 15-2 Dream Carrier, Sleepline Fantasy, 12 Lord Oberon, 14 Double Entendre, 16 Hard To Figure (5th), 20 Arturian, Moscow Dynamo, 33 Golden Birch, Sugemar (6th). 13 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 2l, nk, ½l. W Hern at Lambourn. Tote: £4.80; £2.00, £2.50, £2.40. DF: £16.50. CSF: £48.56. Tricast: £318.39. Trio: £47.00. 1min 36.89sec.

4.20 (7f) 1, RODRIGO DE TRIANO (Paul Eddery, 5-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Anchorite (L Dettori, 7-2); 3, Assessor (J Reid, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Alflora (4th), Pyare Square (5th). 5 ran. 1½l, 2l, 3l, 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.55. 1min 26.58sec.

4.55 (6f 8yd) 1, SARCITA (J Hunter, 11-2); 2, Everset (J Weaver, 12-1); 3, Unveiled (D Harrison, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Green's Le Sidaner (6th), 8 Harridge (4th), Banbury Flyer, 9 Mayaasa, 11 Grand Guignol, 12 Asterix (5th), Countess of Poland, Teanarco, 14 Swift Romance, 16 Helios. 13 ran. 1½l, 1½l, sh hd, 1l, 1l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £5.90; £2.50, £4.20, £3.90. DF: £61.70. CSF: £67.09. Tricast: £819.35. 1min 14.33sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £1,283.20 carried over to Newbury today.

Placepot: £65.80.

Southwell

Going: good to firm (turf course); standard (all-weather)

2.30 (1m 6f) 1, Chakalak (G Carter, 6-1); 2, Sarsta Grai (25-1); 3, Moving Out (2-5 fav). 10 ran. 2½l, 7l. S Dow. Tote: £6.40, £1.40, £2.70, £1.20. DF: £30.80. CSF: £116.06. Tricast: £172.87.

3.00 (1m 3f) 1, Mr Wishing Well (A Munro, 9-4); 2, Qualitair Flyer (11-1); 3, Top Villain (7-4 fav). 8 ran. 10l, 5l. R Williams. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £22.40. CSF: £25.45. Tricast: £49.04.

3.30 (7f) 1, Yonge Tender (J Fanning, 5-6 fav); 2, Summer Sands (2-1); 3, Cuban Swinger (33-1). 5 ran. 4l, ¾l. J Wharton. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.06.

4.00 (7f) 1, Invincible Armada (A Munro, 4-6 fav); 2, Badawiah (8-1); 3, Palacegate King (7-2). 13 ran. Hd, 7l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £8.50. CSF: £8.42.

4.30 (1m) 1, State Governor (G Duffield, 4-1); 2, High Low (1-5 fav); 3, Money Spider (22-1). 3 ran. 3½l, dist. N Callaghan. Tote: £4.70. DF: £1.10. CSF: £5.15.

5.05 (6f) 1, Apres Huit (J Marshall, 12-1); 2, Imco Double (6-1); 3, Longwood Legend (8-1); 4, Orchard's Pet (14-1). Wellsy Lad 3-1 fav. 16 ran. 7l, 2½l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £12.90; £2.50, £2.30, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £80.70. CSF: £95.48. Tricast: £599.71.

Placepot: £43.90.

Haydock

Going: good to firm

5.45 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Charly Pharly (D Biggs, 9-4 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Dancing Street (6-1); 3, Personality Clash (16-1). 10 ran. 2l, nk. F Lee. Tote: £3.00; £1.90, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £8.30. CSF: £15.44. Tricast: £159.05. NR: Mr Chris Cakemaker

6.15 (1m 30yd) 1, Kestrel Forboxes (J Carroll, 6-4); 2, Eternal Flame (8-1 fav); 3, Hermer (9-1). 3 ran. 12l, 7l. J Berry. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.80.

Perth

Going: good to firm

2.30 (2m) 1, North Pride (R Supple, 33-1); 2, Key Dear (7-1); 3, Boynton (5-1). Jimmy Mac *Jimmy 11-4 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 2l. S Payne.* Tote: £18.30; £4.90, £2.50, £3.20. DF: £43.70. CSF: £222.81.

3.00 (2m) 1, Stay Awake (M Dwyer, Evens fav); 2, Magic Soldier (5-4); 3, Zam's Slave (25-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 20l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.47.

3.30 (2m 4f) 1, Marsh King (C Maude, 5-2); 2, Back Before Dark (8-1); 3, Sharp Order (7-4 fav). 4 ran. NR: Parkers Joy. 1½l, 4l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.10. DF: £10.80. CSF: £14.92.

4.00 (2m 4f) 1, Moment Of Truth (L O'Hara, 8-11 fav); 2, Stepfaster (5-1); 3, Sonsie Mo (7-1). 5 ran. 5l, 2½l. P Monteith. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.33.

4.30 (2m) 1, Solo Sail (Peter Hobbs, 3-1 fav); 2, Givemeacall (7-1); 3, Kamart (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Mr Reiner. 4l, 3l. C Weedon. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £32.20. CSF: £24.77.

5.00 (2m 4f) 1, Tenter Close (P Niven, 6-5 fav); 2, Emeritus (2-1); 3, Charlotte's Emma (20-1). 10 ran. 10l, 3½l. M Hammond. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.18.

Placepot: £85.20.

☐ Paul Cole's leading two-year-old Dilum is among 13 entries for the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York on Wednesday. The Whatcombe trainer will decide over the weekend whether to run him.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Windsor, Hamilton Park.
TUESDAY: York, Folkestone.
WEDNESDAY: York, Yarmouth, Fontwell Park.
THURSDAY: York, Yarmouth, † Salisbury.
FRIDAY: Newmarket, Goodwood, Devon & Exeter
SATURDAY: Newmarket, Goodwood, Newcastle, † Windsor, Cartmel, Hereford.

Flat meetings in bold.
†Denotes evening meeting.

Hide's colt to improve

TONY Hide's two-year-old colt Spanish Storm, who showed plenty of courage in beating Jewellery Quarter in the Exeter Stakes at Newmarket earlier this *month, looks an improving type* and has a sporting chance in the Ir£20,000 Reference Point Tyros Stakes at the Curragh today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Lifewatch Vision is the only other English challenger at the meeting and he comes up against the two best Irish three-year-old colts, Sportsworld and Star Of Gdansk, in the group three Desmond Stakes.

Star Of Gdansk, placed in three classics, gets a 3lb al*lowance from Sportsworld.*

☐ Peter Scudamore made another successful visit to France yesterday, when he partnered Silver Word, a 46-10 chance on the Pari-mutuel, to an easy four-length success in the £7,128 Prix du Casino de Deauville, a two-and-a-quarter mile steeplechase at Clairefontaine.

BANGOR

MANDARIN
2.15 Untitled. 2.45 Clever Folly. 3.15 Stage Player. 3.45 March Ahead. 4.15 Ever Smile. 4.45 Hill Beagle.

THUNDERER
2.15 Deepky. 2.45 Clever Folly. 3.15 Stage Player. 3.45 March Ahead. 4.15 Ever Smile. 4.45 Hill Beagle.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM PATCHES) SIS

2.15 LIVERPOOL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,550: 2m) (6 runners)

1 0F- AT PEACE 19F J White 5-11-9 .... A Webb
2 TESEKKUREDERIM 320F W Clay 4-11-7 ... J Driscoll (7)
3 6 UNTITLED 12 D Wintle 4-11-7 .... A Carroll
4 2P0- BAYBEEJAY 119 R Brotherton 4-11-2 .... R Dunwoody
5 00- DEEPKY 119 M Pipe 4-11-2 .... P Scudamore
6 FORD KING 17F M O'Neill 4-11-2 .... D Gallagher

6-4 Deepky, 3-1 At Peace, 5-1 Untitled, 7-1 Baybeejay, 10-1 others.

2.45 DEE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,126: 2m 4f) (6)

1 PP4- DEEP FLASH 108 (F,S) C Trietline 8-12-0 .... B Powell
2 21-2 CLEVER FOLLY 7 (BF,D,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-7 N Doughty
3 3-12 SPEECH 9 (BF,C,D,F) W A Stephenson 8-10-6 .. C Grant
4 23-3 DOWNHILL RUN 7 (C,F,G) J Birkett 10-10-0 .... S Turner
5 42-2 EDDIES WELL 8 (D,F,S) R Fisher 8-10-0 .... R Hodge (7)
6 65-3 FLY MERRY 15 (D,F) A Forbes 11-10-0 .... Mr T Eley (7)

6-4 Clever Folly, 5-2 Speech, 4-1 Downhill Run, 6-1 Deep Flash, 25-1 Eddies Well, 33-1 Fly Merry.

3.15 ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,430: 2m 4f) (6)

1 24-6 FRENDLY FELLOW 7 (B,C,F,G) F Jordan 7-11-10 J Lodder
2 5-21 STAGE PLAYER 10 (F) R Simpson 5-11-10 P Scudamore
3 455- WHISTLING GIPSY 57 (D,S) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-0 Jacqui Oliver
4 111- NUNS JEWEL 304 (CD,F,G) J Bradley 5-10-7 . L Harvey
5 5PS- TILDEBO 78 (F,G,S) J Webber 7-10-0 .... M Lynch
6 50-1 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 5 (D,F,G) B Preece 6-10-0 (5ex) Gary Lyons

5-4 Stage Player, 3-1 Frendly Fellow, 6-1 Whistling Gipsy, For Heaven's Sake, 10-1 Nuns Jewel, 33-1 Tildebo.

3.45 ABERGELE NOVICES CHASE (£2,424: 2m 4f) (7)

1 3-F1 NORTHERN GUNNER 8 (F,G) M Robinson 8-11-8 J White
2 133- ALDINGTON BELL 105 (F) C Trietline 8-11-2 .... B Powell
3 /PP- BRUNDEAN BREEZE 142 (F,S) R Juckes 10-11-2 M A Fitzgerald (7)
4 3P0- LATERAL 91 J Bradley 7-11-2 .... D Tegg
5 0F-0 YAMASHITA 7 F Jordan 6-11-2 .... J Lodder
6 121- MARCH AHEAD 82 (F) W A Stephenson 5-10-12 K Johnson
7 U3-F ANNIE DE POMME 7 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-11 S Cowley

7-4 March Ahead, 3-1 Aldington Bell, 6-1 Lateral, 8-1 Northern Gunner, 10-1 Yamashita, Annie de Pomme, 20-1 Brundean Breeze.

4.15 CONWY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m 4f) (6)

1 1 EVER SMILE 10 (F) M Pipe 4-11-4 .... P Scudamore
2 0P-6 CAVALCANTI 9 (B) P Blockley 5-11-0 ...... P Midgley (7)
3 00- DOVEDONS GRACE 121 J Bostock 5-11-0 J Toomey (7)
4 P-F2 FINE WARRIOR 9 W Clay 4-10-11 .... J Driscoll (7)
5 60-2 HARD TO GET 15 A Jones 4-10-11 .... Miss I D Jones
6 440- ZEPHYR NIGHTS 129 Granville Richards 4-10-11 B Powell

4-5 Ever Smile, 4-1 Hard To Get, 6-1 Fine Warrior, 10-1 Zephyr Nights, 12-1 Cavalcanti, 20-1 Dovedons Grace.

4.45 FRED ARCHER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,856: 2m) (4)

1 3F-4 XHAI 10 (V,D,F) R Simpson 9-11-10 .... J Clarke (5)
2 400- HILL BEAGLE 82 (D,F,S) W Clay 11-11-6 .... J Driscoll
3 -025 SEQUESTRATOR 2 P Evans 8-10-3 .... Martin Jones
4 00-4 MARIE BABY 9 (D,S) Graeme Roe 7-10-0 W Marston (5)

6-4 Hill Beagle, 7-4 Xhai, 4-1 Sequestrator, 8-1 Marie Baby.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Fisher, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M Pipe, 19 from 47, 40.4%; G Richards, 17 from 62, 27.4%; F Jordan, 10 from 47, 21.3%; J White, 3 from 15, 20%; Mrs S Oliver, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: C Grant, 13 winners from 33 rides, 39.4%; L Harvey, 5 from 14, 35.7%; P Scudamore, 16 from 46, 34.8%; J Lodder, 9 from 50, 18%; R Dunwoody, 7 from 61, 11.5%; B Powell, 7 from 64, 10.9%

MARKET RASEN

MANDARIN
5.35 First Stage. 6.05 Rawaan. 6.35 Alton Bay. 7.05 Island Jetsetter. 7.35 Old Eros. 8.05 Ha'penny Nap.

THUNDERER
5.35 First Stage. 6.05 Alibi Warning. 6.35 Alton Bay. 7.05 Island Jetsetter. 7.35 Old Eros. 8.05 Aberoy.

GOING: FIRM

5.35 SLEAFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,444: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 /3-1 FIRST STAGE 14 (CD,F) J O'Shea 4-11-3 ... S Hodgson
2 03-1 RUPPLES 14 (CD,F) M Chapman 4-11-3 .... J Ryan
3 PP- BRADBURY HALL 63F R Marvin 6-11-0 S D Williams (3)
4 P MEGAL 14 Ron Thompson 6-11-0 .... J Callaghan
5 03-0 JUST A WONDER 7 (B) S Christian 7-10-8 M McGonagle (3)
6 AL BADETO 28F J Norton 4-10-8 .... W Fry (5)

4-7 First Stage, 5-1 Rupples, 8-1 Just A Wonder, 12-1 others.

6.05 STAMFORD SELLING HURDLE (£1,390: 2m 1f) (4)

1 124- RAWAAN 17F (F,S) N Tinkler 11-5 .... G McCourt
2 6- ALIBI WARNING 320 J O'Neill 10-10 .... L Wyer
3 0 HOUSE OF FRUIT 7 (B) C Allen 10-10 .. D Bridgwater
4 0P-0 INTO THE FUTURE 5F A Stringer 10-10 .... G Bradley

11-10 Rawaan, 7-4 Alibi Warning, 6-1 Into The Future, 10-1 House Of Fruit.

6.35 SIMONS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,534: 2m 1f) (7)

1 ALTON BAY 8 (F) M D Hare 11-0 .... J Short
2 ON THE LINE 8 [illegible] 10-10 .... L Wyer
3 DOIRE 22F T Fairhurst 10-7 .... R Garritty
4 BAHRAIN QUEEN 78F C Smith 10-2 ... Mr M Ranger (7)
5 SCU'S LADY 17F A Smith 10-2 .... —
6 TOOTSIE WOOTSIE 49F B McMath 10-2 .... A Carroll
7 TORTIN 21F G Kelly 10-2 .... P A Farrell

4-5 Alton Bay, 3-1 On The Line, 6-1 Doire, 8-1 others.

7.05 RNIB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,175: 2m 1f) (3)

1 11-1 ISLAND JETSETTER 14 (CD,F,G) N Tinkler 5-11-10 G McCourt
2 13-B MALICHO 12 (F,G) T Donnelly 8-10-4 .... C Kellett
3 33-2 RIVA'S TOUCH 8 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 8-10-0 R Dunwoody

11-10 Island Jetsetter, 13-8 Riva's Touch, 3-1 Malicho

7.35 LOOKING GLASS APPEAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,025: 2m 1f) (6)

1 63-2 GIANTS CASTLE 9 Mrs G Plowright 7-11-8 .. P A Farrell
2 404- HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 57F (G) A Stringer 6-11-8 G Bradley
3 00-2 MAN OF FUN 8 (V,F) Mrs A King 8-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
4 014- NORTHERN LION 14F (F,G) R Thompson 8-11-8 A Webb
5 311- OLD EROS 4F (G,S) M Ryan 7-11-8 .... G McCourt
6 444- STRANGELY QUIET 77 (B,F) T Donnelly 9-11-8 C Kellett

7-4 Old Eros, 11-4 Man Of Fun, 5-1 Giants Castle, 6-1 Heir Of Excitement, 10-1 others

8.05 RAY EDMONDS SNOOKER CENTRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,872: 2m 6f) (2)

1 26-6 HA'PENNY NAP 15 (D,F,G,S) C Beever 13-12-0 F Murtagh (7)
2 U0-6 ABEROY 8 (D,F,G) M Ryan 12-11-7 .... J Ryan (5)

1-4 Ha'penny Nap, 5-2 Aberoy.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 19 winners from 62 runners, 30.6%; M J Ryan, 5 from 19, 26.3%; J J O'Neill, 3 from 15, 20%; M H Easterby, 9 from 55, 16.4%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 24 winners from [illegible]

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Way left clear for useful Hateel

MANDARIN

HATEEL is napped to take advantage of the absence of Quest For Fame by winning the Ibn Bey Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury today.

With Quest For Fame re-routed to York, the way has been left clear for Peter Walwyn's charge to gain what would be by some way his most valuable success.

A proven good-class handicapper when this season began, Hateel has progressed during the year into a horse capable of holding his own in pattern races. Last time out he turned in a creditable performance when second to Lomitas in a group one race at Dusseldorf.

Although the winner's merit is not that easy to assess, the Guy Harwood-trained Duke Of Paducah was more than two lengths away fourth, and as Duke Of Paducah had been beaten less than five lengths by the very useful Rock Hopper at Royal Ascot there is the distinct impression that the form is solid. Hateel had previously won a listed race at the Curragh by a comfortable six lengths.

German form also plays a big part in the opposition to Hateel. Mondrian, representing the in-form stable of Paul Cole, won seven group one races in his native Germany but has proved rather less successful on his few starts in Britain.

Now that he is based with Cole, and has been for some time, he should be fully acclimatised, although his only start this season, a distant ninth to Rock Hopper here in April, was nothing short of dire. In his favour, however, he is reported to be working well now and a reproduction of his defeat of Ibn Bey at Baden-Baden last year would put him in with a great chance.

Top Of The World won the group three Henry II Stakes over two miles at Sandown in May but might not be suited by this shorter trip, while the unpredictable Spinning is primarily a handicapper.

Drum Taps makes greater appeal. He was a fair performer in Britain as a three-year-old before winning turf handicaps in the United States at four. If his lengthy absence from the track is not too great a drawback he would hold clear place prospects at least.

Walwyn and Willie Carson will make a bold attempt to initiate a double with the Leicester maiden winner Volcalmeh in the Eurolink Handicap. A lightly-raced filly, she can be expected to improve but in an exceptionally tricky race I side with **Lady Philippa.**

Walwyn: strong Newbury chance with Hateel

She was a prolific winner on the all-weather surface at Lingfield early in the year and then ran respectably at Haydock last Saturday when fifth to Crystal Ring at Haydock, her first race for five months.

Parisien Singer's defeat of subsequent winner Vivid Concert at Windsor last time gives her a winning look in the St Hugh's Stakes, while Metal Boys is going the right way and can complete a treble for Reg Hollinshead in the FBRC Handicap.

The feature race at Ripon is the Great St Wilfrid Handicap in which **Fascination Waltz** can record a notable double, having taken the prize last year. She has run only twice this term, a good fourth to Ashdren over this course and distance and then showing speed for a long way behind Notley in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood.

NEWBURY

MANDARIN
2.00 Parisien Singer.
2.35 Lady Philippa.
3.10 HATEEL (nap).
3.45 Naswara.
4.20 Grand Master.
4.55 Metal Boys.

THUNDERER
2.00 Miss Nosey Parker.
2.35 Inseyab.
3.10 Moudrian.
3.45 Naswara.
4.20 Grand Master.
4.55 Slip-A-Snip.

MICHAEL SEELY
3.10 Hateel.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Dafrah.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 MAMMA'S TOO.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

2.00 ST HUGH'S STAKES
BBC1

(Listed race: 2-Y-O fillies: £10,965: 5f 34yd) (7 runners)

101	(5)	212	HARVEST GIRL 28 (G) (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	M Roberts	91
102	(4)	00121	LUTE AND LYRE 9 (D,F,G) (Dr R Toraney-Durkin) E O'Grady (Ire) 8-8	W R Swinburn	—
103	(7)	202	MADAM PETOSKI 7 (P Asquith) R Boss 8-8	A Munro	73
104	(1)	124112	MAMMA'S TOO 14 (D,BF,F,G) (J Brown) J Berry 8-8	T Quinn	● 99
105	(2)	0132	MISS NOSEY PARKER 18 (D,S) (T Cunningham) R Hannon 8-8	W Carson	96
106	(3)	51	PARISIEN SINGER 40 (D,G) (J Smith) I Balding 8-8	J Reid	87
107	(6)	624154	REGAL SCINTILLA 15 (D,S) (T Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 8-8	L Dettori	90

BETTING: 9-4 Harvest Girl, 3-1 Miss Nosey Parker, 7-2 Mamma's Too, 11-2 Parisien Singer, 7-1 Lute And Lyre, 10-1 Regal Scintilla, 20-1 Madam Petoski.

1990: DOMINIO 8-8 R Cochrane (9-1) P Walwyn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARVEST GIRL neck 2nd of 13 to Paris House in valuable auction race over course and distance (good to firm) latest with MISS NOSEY PARKER (same terms) head 3rd; previously beat Brecon Beacons in a 7-runner Newmarket (6f, good) maiden. LUTE AND LYRE beat Albenita 4l at Mallow (5f, good to firm) latest.
MADAM PETOSKI 1l 2nd to Vivid Concert in a 12-runner maiden at Lingfield (5f, good) last time.
MAMMA'S TOO short head 2nd to Wild Honour in a 5-runner nursery at Windsor (5f, good) latest; previously made all to beat Sizzling Rose 2l at Leicester (5f, good).
MISS NOSEY PARKER ¾l 2nd of 7 to Wild Honour in a Goodwood (5f, good) nursery latest.
PARISIEN SINGER beat Vivid Concert 2½l in a 12-runner maiden at Windsor (5f, good) last time. May improve. REGAL SCINTILLA beat HARVEST GIRL (same terms) 6l at Salisbury (6f, good to soft) in June with PARISIENE SINGER (same terms) 1l 5th. Latest 5¾l 4th of 7 to Sahara Star in the group III Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good).
Selection: HARVEST GIRL.

2.35 EUROLINK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,136: 7f) (21 runners)
BBC1

201	(7)	1-04114	RISE UP SINGING 14 (D,BF,G,S) (G Glasdell) R Hannon 9-7	R Perham (5)	93
202	(12)	06-0310	VILANY 82 (D,BF,G) (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 9-3	C Hodgson (5)	90
203	(4)	4300-00	FALCON'S DOMAIN 121 (F) (R Carstairs) J Eustace 9-2	W Ryan	89
204	(6)	2120-50	SING OUT 112 (Dr C Stelling) C Nelson 9-1	W R Swinburn	89
205	(20)	0-22250	CORN FUTURES 16 (S) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid	97
206	(19)	2-11125	LADY PHILIPPA 7 (Mrs M Kindersley) B Hills 8-13	D Holland	96
207	(18)	0103	DAFRAH 15 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	B Raymond	● 99
208	(2)	0-04010	BEYOND OUR REACH 7 (F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 8-11	A Clark	89
209	(5)	100-003	NEROLI 30 (D,F) (Dr G Meredith) R Hannon 8-10	M Roberts	96
210	(10)	502	TALENT 91 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-10	L Dettori	88
211	(13)	0-3310	MORGANNWG 18 (D,G) (K Mercer) R Dickin 8-8	J Williams	93
212	(17)	001454	ACCESS FLYER 37 (F) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 8-7	A Munro	94
213	(3)	330012	SAAFEND 14 (F) (J Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 8-6	Paul Eddery	97
214	(21)	3-26042	ALTERMEERA 18 (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 8-6	N Howe	95
215	(8)	5-51050	MAJOR ROGERS 43 (D,G) (Mrs J Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 8-5	A Tucker (5)	91
216	(11)	82-1	VOLCALMEH 18 (D,G) (J Sheffield) P Walwyn 8-4	W Carson	94
217	(9)	0-2650	LITMORE DANCER 18 (Mrs D Shirley) J Bethell 8-0	R Hills	93
218	(16)	5-00320	PRESQUE NOIR 18 (Capt M Clark) H Candy 7-13	C Rutter	95
219	(1)	2-05566	GREY ILLUSIONS 28 (J Redlem) L Holt 7-12	N Adams	91
220	(15)	300030	PRETTY POPPY 10 (F) (R Lamb) A Denson 7-11	Dale Gibson	97
221	(14)	261311	INSEYAB 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Haslam) P Haslam 7-8	J Fanning (5)	97

BETTING: 11-2 Volcalmeh, 6-1 Dafrah, 6-1 Saafend, 7-1 Neroli, 8-1 Lady Philippa, 10-1 Rise Up Singing, Inseyab, 12-1 Beyond Our Reach, 14-1 Access Flyer, Altermeera, Talent, Vilany, 16-1 others.

1990: EUROLINK THE LAD 9-2 L Dettori (10-1) J Dunlop 17 ran

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RISE UP SINGING beat Andrassy ½l at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. VILANY beat Victoria Road 1½l at Chester (7f, good) on penultimate start with MAJOR ROGERS (4lb better off) 14¾l 11th. LADY PHILIPPA beat Old Speckled Hen 2l at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) in February. DAFRAH beat Shot Stopper ½l at Kempton (1m, good) last month; latest 2½l 3rd of 11 to Polonez Prima at Newmarket (7f, good). MORGANNWG beat Moona 2l at Chepstow (7f, good) on penultimate start with LITMORE DANCER (6lb better off) 5l 5th.
SAAFEND 1½l 2nd to Vague Observed at Newmarket (1m, good) latest with RISE UP SINGING (3lb better off) 6½l 4th; previously beat Able Susan at Yarmouth (1m, firm). VOLCALMEH beat ALTERMEERA (3lb better off) a head at Leicester (7f, good) latest. INSEYAB beat American Hero 3½l at Redcar (1m, good) latest.
Selection: SAAFEND

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	31	89	34.8	D Holland	3	14	21.4
R Armstrong	7	30	23.3	W Carson	44	264	16.7
M Stoute	21	114	18.4	M Roberts	25	189	13.2
P Cole	18	138	13.0	T Quinn	21	169	12.4
B Hills	22	178	12.4	W R Swinburn	21	178	11.8
R J-Houghton	10	81	12.3	L Dettori	10	85	11.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.10 IBN BEY GEOFFREY FREER STAKES
BBC1

(Group II: £50,155: 1m 5f 61yd) (8 runners)

301	(7)	12/108-0	MONDRIAN 119 (G,S) (J Th. Pavenstedt) P Cole 5-9-8	T Quinn	86
302	(5)	8514-02	DRUM TAPS 154 (F,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-5	L Dettori	—
303	(8)	1152-50	CRIMINAL LAW 16 (F) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 4-9-2	S Perks	80
304	(6)	031412	HATEEL 20 (C,F,G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 5-9-2	W Carson	● 99
305	(4)	02-6432	SPINNING 7 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-2	J Reid	90
306	(3)	6-11010	TOP OF THE WORLD 58 (G) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-9-2	M Roberts	87
307	(2)	21-5442	ANOTHER BOB 44 (C,S) (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	88
308	(1)	0-01200	HILLZAH 42 (C,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-5	G Baxter	81

BETTING: 11-4 Hateel, 4-1 Drum Taps, Spinning, 5-1 Mondrian, 11-2 Top Of The World, 10-1 Another Bob, 16-1 Criminal Law, 20-1 Hillzah.

1990: CHARMER 5-9-2 L Dettori (4-1) C Brittain 5 ran

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MONDRIAN multiple group I winner in Germany including 5l defeat of Kazzus at Cologne (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start last season; beaten 43l when 9th of 10 to Rock Hopper in group II John Porter Stakes over course and distance (good) in April.
DRUM TAPS 1¼l 2nd to Dr Root at Gulfstream (1m 4f, good) latest; previously won four races over 1m 4f in the United States, including grade II race. Trained here as a 3-y-o when scoring three wins including a 1½l defeat of Firelight Fiesta in a limited handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, good) in October 1989.
HATEEL 2l 2nd to Lomitas in group I Der Grosse Preis Der Berliner Bank at Dusseldorf (1m 4f, good) latest; previously beat Sleet Skier 6l in listed race at Curragh (1m 6f, yielding). SPINNING demoted to 2nd after beating Tidemark 1½l at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) latest.
TOP OF THE WORLD beat Crack 1l in group III Henry II Stakes at Sandown (2m, good) on penultimate start. ANOTHER BOB 1½l 2nd of 6 to Torchon in a listed race at Haydock (1m 4f, good) latest.
Selection: HATEEL.

3.45 AUGUST HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,635: 1m 4f 5yd) (7 runners)

401	(6)	215-333	STRIKE FIRE 37 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 9-7	T Quinn	93
402	(7)	5-114	HIDDEN COVE 35 (BF,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-1	J Reid	86
403	(2)	0-411	NASWARA 30 (D,S) (Prince Khalid Al Saud) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	89
404	(3)	332203	CITY SOLACE 3 (F) (D Caruth) R Hannon 8-3	M Roberts	97
405	(1)	010016	SCENIC DANCER 14 (D,F,G) (A Helaissi) A Hide 7-12	Dale Gibson	96
406	(4)	40-0050	CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 29 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 7-8	J Quinn	● 99
407	(5)	02-50	PERESKIA 24 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 7-7	B Doyle (5)	85

Long handicap: Pereskia 7-4.

BETTING: 2-1 Naswara, 11-4 Hidden Cove, 9-2 Strike Fire, 8-1 City Solace, Scenic Dancer, 10-1 Captain My Captain, 33-1 Pereskia.

1990: TARIKHANA 8-3 G Duffield (9-2 jt-fav) M Stoute 9 ran

4.20 EBF YATTENDON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,142: 7f) (22 runners)

501	(20)	3	ABLE QUEST 8 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson	93
502	(1)		ARCTIC CIRCLE (A Sotoniou) Miss A Whitfield 9-0	N Adams	—
503	(9)		BARTOLOMEO (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	—
504	(4)	0	COLORIFIC 39 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	D Holland	94
505	(13)		GLIDE PATH (J Hills) J Hills 9-0	R Wernham	—
506	(12)		GRAND MASTER (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	A Munro	—
507	(8)		GREEK TYCOON (C Shiacolas) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
508	(2)	0	HAWA LAYAAM 15 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	83
509	(7)	0	HOLY WANDERER 37 (M Pescod) D Arbuthnot 9-0	B Procter	—
510	(17)	4	IN THE PICTURE 14 (Mrs D Attwood) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham (5)	● 99
511	(21)		JUDGE AND JURY (M Cole) M Fetherston-Godley 9-0	M Roberts	—
512	(19)		L'HERMINE (M Kura) B Hanbury 9-0	J Fanning (5)	—
513	(18)		LUCKY LINDY (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
514	(11)		MAD MILITANT (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	—
515	(3)		NAN A BUCK (L Gaucci) B Hanbury 9-0	W Ryan	—
516	(14)	5	NASHOON 14 (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid	97
517	(10)		NATRAL EXCHANGE (Thoroughbred Exchange) J Hills 9-0	R Hills	—
518	(16)		RIVER DEFENCES (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
519	(22)	0	SAIF AL ADIL 8 (H Salem) B Hanbury 9-0	W R Swinburn	81
520	(5)		SENATOR'S ALIBI (Mrs B Facchino) J Sutcliffe 9-0	T Williams	—
521	(6)	0005	SINGERS IMAGE 29 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	82
522	(15)		SOVEREIGN PAGE (Mrs J Beeby) B Hanbury 9-0	L Dettori	—

BETTING: 9-2 River Defences, 11-2 Colorific, 6-1 Grand Master, 7-1 Able Quest, 8-1 Bartolomeo, 10-1 In The Picture, Nashoon, 12-1 Saif Al Adil, Nan A Buck, 14-1 Hawa Layaam, 16-1 others.

1990: BALAAT 9-0 L Dettori (7-2) P Walwyn 21 ran

4.55 FBRC HANDICAP (£4,776: 5f 34yd) (13 runners)

601	(5)	513510	TERRHARS 17 (CD,F,G) (H Bambrook) R Hannon 3-9-10	R Perham (5)	94
602	(13)	0-02043	VICEROY 7 (B,D,F,G) (F Gemma) W Pearce 4-9-7	B Raymond	94
603	(4)	464511	METAL BOYS 10 (D,F,G) (North Staffs Racing Club) R Hollinshead 4-9-6	S Perks	95
604	(3)	0-44440	ALMASA 52 (F,G) (M Nasher) J Fox 3-9-6	L Dettori	90
605	(12)	D-34051	SLIP-A-SNIP 10 (D,F,S) (W'combe Manor) G Balding 4-9-3	Tracey Purseglove (7)	94
606	(1)	000200	TAUBER 31 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 7-9-0	S O'Gorman (3)	97
607	(2)	0-00502	CROFT IMPERIAL 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Matthews) M Johnston 4-8-12	A Munro	95
608	(11)	006004	JOE SUGDEN 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Amass) P Howling 7-8-8	D Holland	91
609	(8)	001314	SPORTS POST LADY 17 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-6	N Adams	93
610	(6)	2220	BAYONNE 18 (B) (Exors of Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-4	W Carson	● 99
611	(10)	1066-64	GOODY FOUR SHOES 24 (D,F) (A Newcombe) C Hill 3-8-3	R Fox	88
612	(7)	024061	DIVINE PET 9 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Taylor) W Wightman 6-8-1	T Williams	98
613	(9)	105040	COME ON MY GIRL 17 (F) (K Sturgis) R Boss 3-8-1	M Roberts	94

BETTING: 4-1 Metal Boys, 5-1 Divine Pet, 11-2 Croft Imperial, 6-1 Slip-A-Snip, 7-1 Viceroy, 8-1 Terrhars, Joe Sugden, 10-1 Sports Post Lady, 12-1 Tauber, 14-1 others.

1990: CITY LINK PET 4-8-6 A Procter (7-1) D Wilson 8 ran

RIPON

MANDARIN
2.30 Twilight Fiesta.
3.00 Baileys By Name.
3.30 Fascination Waltz.
4.00 Tell No Lies.
4.30 Sharquin.
5.05 Hissma.
5.35 Gueca Solo.

THUNDERER
2.30 Kagram Queen.
3.00 Oyston's Life.
3.30 Fascination Waltz.
4.00 TARDA (nap).
4.30 Frescobaldo.
5.05 Hissma.
5.35 Gueca Solo.

MICHAEL SEELY
3.30 Fascination Waltz.
4.00 TARDA (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.35 GUECA SOLO (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.30 WOOL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,306: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1	(6)	346-564	CRAZY HORSE DANCER 22 (D Woiskow) J Etherington 8-12	K Darley	87
2	(7)	004	GASCOIGNE WOOD 14 (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 8-12	M Birch	87
3	(1)	533100	GOLDEN CHIP 7 (D,G) (A Jackson) A Stringer 8-12	D Nicholls	● 99
4	(3)	360404	RAAWI 15 (A Foustok) R Boss 8-12	M Tebbutt	91
5	(5)	40-2010	TWILIGHT FIESTA 22 (BF,F) (K Whaldon) Mrs J Ramsden 8-12	J Carroll	94
6	(2)	060036	JENPAT 21 (E Incisa) E Incisa 8-7	Kim Tinkler	79
7	(4)	2502-05	KAGRAM QUEEN 38 (F) (Mrs E Kettlewell) Mrs G Reveley 8-7	J Lowe	90
8	(8)	524004	SLIPSALOM 11 (P Scarborough) W Carter 8-7	G Carter	77

BETTING: 2-1 Twilight Fiesta, 4-1 Kagram Queen, 5-1 Crazy Horse Dancer, 6-1 Golden Chip, 8-1 Raawi, 9-1 Gascoigne Wood, 12-1 Slipsalom, 14-1 Jenpat.

1990: CUMBRIAN CEILIDH 8-12 M Birch (5-4 fav) M H Easterby 9 ran

3.00 SAWLEY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,080: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(8)	601	OYSTON'S LIFE 9 (F) (Derwis Ltd) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll	91
2	(3)	0411	BAILEYS BY NAME 12 (D,F) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 9-0	R P Elliott	88
3	(10)	546	BAND SARGEANT 21 (E Madden) G Richards 8-12	J Lowe	88
4	(2)	003	PAPA WESTRAY 17 (Miss N Barron) T Barron 8-9	Alex Greaves	85
5	(6)	4462	RIBBONAIRE 9 (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-8	A Mackay	94
6	(9)	042	DAVID'S OWN 11 (D Mellon) S Mellor 8-7	Dana Mellor	96
7	(4)	4402	CROMER'S EXPRESS 53 (B) (G Cooper) Miss L Siddall 8-5	K Darley	97
8	(1)	026060	INNOCENT GEORGE 7 (G Ashton) M Brittain 8-3	G Carter	96
9	(7)	01655	ROWAN GREY 15 (D) (Mrs J Addleshaw) A Smith 7-11	Paul Burke	● 99
10	(5)	30036	FALLOWFIELD GIRL 21 (F Ballard) M H Easterby 7-11	S Maloney (5)	91

BETTING: 13-8 Baileys By Name, 7-2 Oyston's Life, 5-1 David's Own, 7-1 Ribbonaire, 10-1 Cromer's Express, 12-1 Fallowfield Girl, Papa Westray, 14-1 others.

1990: MARTINI EXECUTIVE 8-9 D Nicholls (10-1) W Pearce 7 ran

3.30 TOTE GREAT ST WILFRID HANDICAP (£16,067: 6f) (20 runners)

1	(7)	310104-	VAX LADY 315 (D,F,G) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 4-9-10	D Nicholls	91
2	(9)	615056	PREMIER TOUCH 23 (D,F) (Mrs M Watt) T Barron 4-9-7	Alex Greaves	92
3	(10)	653212	MACROBIAN 18 (CD,F,G) (Miss E Macgregor) M H Easterby 7-9-5	M Birch	92
4	(15)	62-1202	PRENONAMOSS 16 (D,F) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 3-9-4	M Tebbutt	92
5	(11)	650051	EASY LINE 8 (D,F,G,S) (C Potter) P Felden 8-9-2	Mick Denaro (7)	98
6	(17)	206204	GREEN DOLLAR 9 (D,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 8-9-0	G Bardwell	95
7	(2)	000-304	HINARI TELEVIDEO 12 (D,F,S) (M Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 5-9-0	R P Elliott	93
8	(5)	690130	ASHDREN 22 (V,CD,G,S) (N Brennan) A Harrison 4-8-12	J Fortune	95
9	(6)	1-01011	BOLD HABIT 15 (D,F,G) (Miss J Chambers) W Pearce 6-8-10	G Husband (5)	92
10	(4)	324444	DUCKINGTON 8 (BF,D,F,G) (Lady Matless) M H Easterby 7-8-10	K Darley	92
11	(3)	0110-40	FASCINATION WALTZ 18 (CD,F) (F Havercroft) J Mackie 4-8-9	A McGlone	92
12	(1)	000426	FINAL SHOT 32 (BF,D,F,G) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 4-8-9	J Lowe	93
13	(16)	143140	BAYSHAM 15 (B,BF,D,G) (W Butt) B Millman 5-8-6	R Price (5)	94
14	(6)	614130	WANDA 12 (C,D,G,S) (E Mengez) K Burke 4-8-4	A Culhane	93
15	(12)	611111	RED ROSEIN 12 (D,F,G) (J Gittins) J H Wilson 5-8-4	G Carter	96
16	(14)	101100	AMRON 91 (CD,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 4-8-1	N Carlisle	92
17	(20)	021000	NORDIC BRAVE 32 (CD,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-0	S Maloney (5)	● 99
18	(18)	426460	GONDO 9 (V,D,F) (M O'Brien) E Alston 4-7-7	N Kennedy (5)	96
19	(19)	233200	CHAPLINS CLUB 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 11-7-7	S Wood	89
20	(13)	210610	FILICAIA 15 (CD,F,G) (E Incisa) E Incisa 5-7-7	Kim Tinkler	88

Long handicap: Gondo 7-3, Chaplins Club 7-2, Filicaia 6-10.

BETTING: 6-1 Red Rosein, 13-2 Macrobian, 15-2 Bold Habit, 8-1 Final Shot, Fascination Waltz, 10-1 Duckington, Hinari Televideo, 11-1 Easy Line, 12-1 Ashdren, Prenonamoss, 16-1 others.

1990: FASCINATION WALTZ 3-7-12 G Carter (9-2) J Mackie 12 ran

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 COCKED HAT COCK OF THE NORTH HANDICAP (£3,915: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

1	(4)	61-0612	AL ANBA 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Al Homezi) J Czerpak 4-9-10	R Price (5)	● 99
2	(5)	3-02413	TELL NO LIES 7 (D,F) (Mrs A Johnstone) M H Easterby 4-9-5	M Birch	97
3	(8)	45210	DESIGNATE 15 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-10	J Fortune	91
4	(3)	0-210	SOHRAB 14 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-8	G Carter	96
5	(2)	553500	CAROLE'S KING 5 (V,F) (Mrs C Viney) W Carter 3-8-4	A McGlone	97
6	(7)	1-005	FORBEARANCE 7 (F) (Clover Racing) M Johnston 3-8-4	A Bacon	94
7	(9)	00-0011	TARDA 12 (C,F,G) (Mrs D Horner) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-0	J Lowe	98
8	(1)	05000	SHAFFAAF 9 (H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 3-7-11	L Newton (5)	93
9	(6)	400-00	MINKES BOY 54 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 3-7-7	L Charnock	—

Long handicap: Minkes Boy 6-0.

BETTING: 11-4 Tarda, 7-2 Tell No Lies, 4-1 Designate, 6-1 Al Anba, 13-2 Sohrab, 12-1 Carole's King, 14-1 Forbearance, 16-1 others.

1990: KASHTALA 3-9-5 J Fortune (4-1 fav) L Cumani 11 ran

4.30 BILLY NEVETT CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £3,367: 1m 4f 60yd) (8 runners)

1	(1)	5020-05	FACILITY LETTER 80J (G) (Whitworth Racing) G Moore 4-9-10	N Kennedy (5)	84
2	(7)	560	KANANGA 28 (V) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 3-9-5	M Birch	86
3	(3)	00-0031	ABLE PLAYER 7 (D,F) (W Pallister) C Thornton 4-9-0	A Mackay	89
4	(4)	20245P	FRESCOBALDO 3 (D,F) (M Naughton) M Naughton 5-9-0	J Fortune	98
5	(2)	820315	BEAUMOOD 36 (V,BF,D,F,G,S) (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-8-13	Paul Burke	95
6	(6)	250304	SHARQUIN 8 (B,F,G) (M Murphy) M Brittain 4-8-8	G Carter	97
7	(8)	060450/	MONARU 488J (R Meredith) Mrs G Reveley 5-8-7	J Lowe	—
8	(5)	02505	ALKABAR 9 (R Wilkinson) Miss L Siddall 3-8-3	B Crossley	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Beaumood, 11-4 Able Player, 7-2 Frescobaldo, 8-1 Kananga, 10-1 Facility Letter, Sharquin, 14-1 others.

1990: SURCOAT 3-9-4 K Fallon (5-1) C C Elsey 7 ran

5.05 EBF STUDLEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,259: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(4)		HISSMA (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 8-11	S Davies (7)	—
2	(2)		OREO COOKIE (E Madden) G Richards 8-11	J Lowe	—
3	(6)		PETITE BELLE (Europrint Promotions Ltd) R Whitaker 8-11	A Culhane	—
4	(5)		ROARING BREEZE (G Westgarth) Miss S Hall 8-11	E Webster	—
5	(3)	0	ROSA WHY 22 (J Sung) W Jarvis 8-11	M Tebbutt	● 99
6	(1)		SPEEDO MOVEMENT (Mrs Y Lin) J Berry 8-11	M Birch	—

BETTING: 4-7 Hissma, 4-1 Speedo Movement, 11-2 Rosa Why, 12-1 Oreo Cookie, 16-1 Petite Belle, 20-1 Roaring Breeze.

1990: HIMIKO 8-11 W Newnes (4-6 fav) B Hills 7 ran

5.35 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,406: 1m 1f) (5 runners)

1	(3)	2	BRODESSA 66 (Norton Stud Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 5-9-0	D Lees	71
2	(4)	00000-0	KING PHILIP 8 (Mrs Y Stapleton) Denys Smith 4-9-0	Gail Collingwood (5)	—
3	(5)	41233-3	DEMOCRATIC 11 (BF,F) (F Salman) M Bell 3-8-12	P Turner	97
4	(2)	33-0203	STONE MILL 14 (B,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-12	C Munday (5)	● 99
5	(1)	6-12	GUECA SOLO 28 (BF,G) (C St George) H Cecil 3-8-7	S Davies	94

BETTING: 8-11 Gueca Solo, 2-1 Democratic, 4-1 Stone Mill, 16-1 Brodessa, 25-1 King Philip.

1990: MAGIC EXPRESS 3-8-12 F Norton (2-1) M Moubarak 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	18	39	46.2	G Husband	3	14	21.4
L Cumani	10	35	28.6	M Birch	29	198	14.6
W Jarvis	4	15	26.7	J Carroll	13	94	13.8
B Hills	10	42	23.8	K Darley	19	160	11.9
J Berry	20	97	20.6	J Fortune	5	50	10.0
G Wragg	3	17	17.6	Kim Tinkler	7	86	8.1

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN
5.15 Aldahe. 5.45 Palacegate Gold. 6.15 Harry's Coming. 6.40 Arrastra. 7.05 Dr Maccarter. 7.35 Chelsworth. 8.05 Sharp Circle.

THUNDERER
5.15 Aldahe. 5.45 Super-Sub. 6.15 Harry's Coming. 6.40 Dormers Delight. 7.05 Rising Tempo. 7.35 Moona. 8.05 Sharp Circle.

GOING: STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER); GOOD TO FIRM (TURF)
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST Up TO 7F 140YD

5.15 BLACKBERRY LANE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,488: 7f 140yd turf) (12 runners)

1	2010	AMETHYSTINE 35 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-10	S Drowne 8
2	531D	CRONK'S QUALITY 8 (C,D,F,G,S) G Lewis 8-9-2	S Cairns 4
3	0-60	DODGY 7 (CD,F) W Haggas 4-9-1	Antoinette Armes 2
4	1300	ALDAHE 7 (D,F,G) B Millman 6-8-8	A Garth 3
5	0100	SCOTS LAW 23 (C,D,F) R O'Sullivan 4-8-6	J Marshall 8
6	6300	MOLLY SPLASH 10 C Cyzer 4-8-4	Samantha Benney (5) 12
7	00P0	BREAKERS AHEAD 19 I Balding 3-8-2	G Fallon (5) 11
8	5-00	CHOUGH 46 (V) C Barwell 3-8-0	D Harrison 10
9	0001	GIBBOT 5 (F,S) P Howling 6-8-0 (6ex)	Debbie Biggs 5
10	4450	BRERA 39 Mrs L Piggott 3-7-13	Beverley Brett (5) 9
11	0000	GOTT'S DESIRE 7 (CD,F) R Bastiman 5-7-12	H Bastiman 1
12	0000	INBIHAR 42 (B) C Benstead 4-7-7	Claire Balding 7

7-2 Cronk's Quality, 4-1 Amethystine, 5-1 Aldahe, 11-2 Molly Splash, 7-1 Scots Law, 8-1 Gibbot, 12-1 others.

5.45 KAYNE SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,366: 6f AW) (7)

1	1024	PALACEGATE GOLD 16 (B,D,BF,F) J Berry 9-4	T Sprake 2
2	4205	STRANGE KNIGHT 5 (S) R Stubbs 8-11	— 4
3		SUPER FLYER C Weedon 8-11	T Williams 3
4	65	DROPS 21 D Laing 8-6	W Newnes 6
5	0240	LOCAL GRIFFIN 3 C Cyzer 8-6	T McLaughlin (7) 7
6	0222	ROCKY BAY 17 D Haydn Jones 8-6	— 5
7	6	SUPER-SUB 19 M Fetherston-Godley 8-6	Dale Gibson 1

15-8 Palacegate Gold, 11-4 Rocky Bay, 4-1 Super-Sub, 7-1 Drops, 8-1 Strange Knight, 10-1 Local Griffin, 16-1 Super Flyer

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Channon, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30%, P Cole, 20 from 91, 22%, B Hills, 10 from 46, 21.7%, R Stubbs, 5 from 23, 21.7%; G Wragg, 3 from 15, 20%; B Millman, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%, J Reid, 29 from 173, 16.8%; A Munro, 6 from 41, 14.5%, M Hills, 6 from 55, 10.9%. Only qualifiers.

6.15 PECKHAM HANDICAP
(£3,805: 6f turf) (7)

1	4200	GORINSKY 57 (CD,F,S) J Berry 3-9-12	Emma O'Gorman (5) 2
2	5132	CROSBY 7 (E,CD,F,G,S) P Kelleway 5-9-9	A Bates (7) 6
3	5203	ABLE JET 7 (B,C,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-8	A Munro 3
4	5150	HARRY'S COMING 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-8	T Sprake 1
5	0305	RELENTLESS PURSUIT 28 (CD) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-7	D Holland 7
6	0042	KRISTIS GIRL 17 (S) D Haydn Jones 4-8-8	W Newnes 4
7	0390	ERIK ODIN 133 (C) Mrs L Piggott 4-7-11	G Milligan (7) 5

5-2 Crosby, 3-1 Harry's Coming, 9-2 Kristis Girl, Gorinsky, 6-1 Relentless Pursuit, 7-1 Able Jet, 8-1 Erik Odin.

6.40 TWENTY-ONE TODAY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,325: 1m 6f turf) (5)

1	-300	DORMERS DELIGHT 14 (B) D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams 4
2	3042	RYECOVE 24 R O'Sullivan 9-0	D Biggs (5) 5
3	0230	SOLID STEEL 11 A Moore 9-0	Candy Moore 1
4	2442	ARRASTRA 26 I Balding 8-9	J Reid 2
5	0-02	SKIFFLE 12 B Hills 8-9	D Holland 3

Evens Arrastra, 4-1 Dormers Delight, 5-1 Ryecove, Skiffle, 8-1 Solid Steel

7.05 SAXBY HANDICAP (£2,820. 1m 2f turf) (8)

1	5165	BELMOREDEAN 14 (CD,G) R O'Sullivan 8-10-0	D Biggs (5) 7
2	1630	SPRINGS WELCOME 14 (C,D,F,G) C Cyzer 5-9-9	T McLaughlin (7) 2
3	2203	DR MACCARTER 49 (B,CD) W O'Gorman 4-9-8	A Munro 4
4	1630	RISING TEMPO 21 (C) C Cyzer 3-9-5	J Williams 5
5	-065	SANDICLIFFE WAY 7J (BF,S) B Hills 3-9-3	D Holland 6
6	0330	PREMIER DANCE 24 (CD) D Haydn Jones 4-8-13	J Reid 8
7	-505	OUR MARTHA 10 C Barwell 3-7-7	N Adams 3
8	60-0	MA PETITE CHOU 19 P Hayward 4-7-7	B Doyle (5) 1

9-4 Belmoredean, 7-2 Springs Welcome, 4-1 Sandicliffe Way, Dr Maccarter, 7-1 Rising Tempo, 10-1 Premier Dance, 12-1 others.

7.35 KENT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,183 7f turf) (5)

1	040-	BREAKFAST RIDE 299 D Laing 8-11	B Procter 2
2	23-5	CHELSWORTH 22 (BF) G Wragg 8-11	F Norton (5) 4
3	0	LADY OF THE TURF 19 P Walwyn 8-11	J Reid 3
4	-026	MOONA 32 (BF) P Cole 8-11	A Munro 1
5	4063	SWEET SOUL DREAM 18 D Laing 8-11	W Newnes 5

6-4 Moona, 7-2 Chelsworth, 4-1 Breakfast Ride, 5-1 Sweet Soul Dream, 11-2 Lady Of The Turf

8.05 ANZANI HANDICAP
(£2,872: 1m 3f 106yd turf) (6)

1	210	SHARP CIRCLE 29 (F) B Hills 3-10-0	D Holland 2
2	5204	SCOTONI 14J (C,D,F) R O'Sullivan 5-9-8	D Biggs (5) 4
3	0053	LITTLE KRAKER 24 (S) P Jones 4-8-8	R Perham (5) 1
4	0010	LONGSHOREMAN 10 (B,F,G) M Bell 4-8-4	M Hills 3
5	0063	STRADBALLY MOUNT 79 R Akehurst 3-7-11	A Munro 6
6	-005	LUSTREMAN 10 (D,F) M Channon 4-7-10	F Norton (5) 5

11-4 Stradbally Mount, 4-1 Little Kraker, 9-2 Scotoni, Sharp Circle, 6-1 Longshoreman, 7-1 Lustreman

WOLVERHAMPTON

MANDARIN
5.40 Ever So Lonely. 6.10 Moonlight Image. 6.40 Golden Cap. 7.10 Jendee. 7.40 Appealing Times. 8.10 Nikitas.

THUNDERER
5.40 Ever So Lonely. 6.10 Moonlight Image. 6.40 Loki. 7.10 Jendee. 7.40 Enthral. 8.10 Dalby Dancer.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.40 Guapa.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM FINAL 9F)
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

5.40 RASPBERRY NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,387: 5f) (6 runners)

1	1111	CRANFIELD COMET 15 (B,CD,F,S) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 2
2	6164	RED RUFFIAN 16 (D,S) R Holder 9-4	G Carter 4
3	1	EVER SO LONELY 21 (D,F) A Bailey 8-13	A Tucker (5) 5
4	4431	MISS VAXETTE 11 (D,F) J Spearing 8-9	G Duffield 1
5	3040	MARK OF SILVER 9 R Hollinshead 8-0	G Hind 6
6	365	OH SO CHEEKY 9 T Caldwell 7-12	M Humphries (7) 3

2-1 Cranfield Comet, 11-4 Miss Vaxette, 4-1 Ever So Lonely, 9-2 Oh So Cheeky, 8-1 Mark Of Silver, 14-1 Red Ruffian.

6.10 TAYBERRY SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,529: 7f) (14)

1	510	GANESHAYA 36 (G) J Akehurst 8-11	G Carter 2
2	000	MIDAS WELL 19 G Ham 8-11	A Tucker (5) 12
3	00U	ROCK SONG 61 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn 11
4	0060	SEA CRUSADER 8 M Blanshard 8-11	J Quinn 1
5	0600	TENDER MONARCH 19 P Bevan 8-11	G Bardwell 4
6	00	WOOLLAND WANTON 26 C Wildman 8-11	N Carlisle 10
7	055	BLUE CROSS 16 P Felgate 8-6	G Baxter 3
8	00	ELSA 12 R Holder 8-6	A Dicks 7
9	3060	GOEWIN 9 M Usher 8-6	M Wigham 13
10	0505	GYMCRAK DANCER 12 M H Easterby 8-6	Paul Eddery 9
11	05	MAJESTIC MAYBE 11 T Caldwell 8-6	G Hind 8
12		MISS PARKES J Berry 8-6	J Carroll 5
13	423	MOONLIGHT IMAGE 11 T Barron 8-6	K Darley 6
14	540	TEAM DECISION 8 M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield 14

4-1 Ganeshaya, 5-1 Moonlight Image, 13-2 Miss Parkes, 7-1 Team Decision, 8-1 Rock Song, Majestic Maybe, 16-1 others.

6.40 STRAWBERRY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,529: 1m) (10)

1	-631	ANTE UP 24 (D,F) L Cumani 9-7	L Dettori 7
2	2263	LOKI 10 (B,F) G Lewis 9-4	Paul Eddery 1
3	06D1	THE DAWN TRADER 10 (F) M Jarvis 9-0	G Crealock 10
4	-423	HAMADRYAD 26 W Carter 8-13	G Carter 2
5	0-14	GUAPA 43 (D,G) M Stoute 8-13	W R Swinburn 5
6	463	LIGHT-HEARTED LADY 19 R Holder 8-13	G Baxter 6
7	0402	GOLDEN CAP 18 (C,F) P Cole 8-12	T Quinn 9
8	1204	WSOM 52 (F) M O'Neill 8-6	NON-RUNNER 3
9	-040	DOUBLE ECHO 82 J Bethell 8-6	R Hills 4
10	2400	QUINTESSENTIAL 4 (B) C Popham 7-13	S Hawkes (7) 8

3-1 Hamadryad, 5-1 The Dawn Trader, 11-2 Ante Up, 13-2 Loki, 9-1 Guapa, 10-1 Double Echo, 14-1 Quintessential, 16-1 others.

7.10 RADIO WABC GOLDEN OLDIES CLAIMING STAKES (£2,610: 1m 200yd) (13)

1	12	JENDEE 40 P Cole 3-8-12	T Quinn 1
2	0513	IVAN THE TERRIBLE 8 (G) Miss S Wilton 3-8-9	— 5
3	0504	STRADBROKE 79 M James 4-8-6	A Proud 10
4	5050	FINAL ACE 12 (F) J Etherington 4-8-5	L Dettori 3
5	0000	XAI-TANG 26 (S) K White 4-8-5	N Carlisle 12
6	600-	GREY SONATA 134J C Popham 4-8-3	R Street 8
7	-234	YANKEE FLYER 14 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-3	J Carroll 11
8	6203	PETIVARA 11 S Dow 4-8-2	G Duffield 13
9	60	SHIREHALL 19 P Bevan 3-8-2	G Bardwell 7
10	0300	REPECHAGE 9 (C,F) B McMahon 4-8-1	S Sanders (7) 4
11	0-30	TARA'S DELIGHT 8J (F) M Ryan 4-8-1	G Carter 2
12	030-	YANKEE SPARKLE 82J B Cambidge 4-8-1	— 9
13	60-	NATIVE STREAM 281 E Owen 3-7-7	V Bray (7) 6

9-4 Jendee, 11-4 Ivan The Terrible, 6-1 Petivara, Yankee Flyer, 8-1 Tara's Delight, 10-1 Final Ace, 12-1 Stradbroke, 16-1 others

7.40 GOOSEBERRY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,001: 5f) (10)

1	3	APPEALING TIMES 10 W O'Gorman 9-0	W R Swinburn 10
2	00	DIXEY KING 30 (B) C Popham 9-0	R Street 5
3		GYMCRAK TYCOON M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch 4
4	454	KERTALE 8 R Boss 9-0	T Quinn 2
5	0	MOMENTITO 8 (B) A Scott 9-0	L Newton (5) 7
6	00	STORMBUSTER 40 P Felgate 9-0	G Baxter 6
7	4	VIVA DARLING 67 B McMahon 9-0	S Sanders (7) 9
8	24	ENTHRAL 12 B Hills 8-9	R Hills 8
9	00	PEGGY MAINWARING 19 R Holder 8-9	Paul Eddery 3
10		VELLANDRUCHA J Bennett 8-9	J Quinn 1

7-4 Enthral, 5-2 Appealing Times, 4-1 Viva Darling, 13-2 Gymcrak Tycoon, 8-1 Kertale, 10-1 Momentito, 14-1 others.

8.10 LOGANBERRY HANDICAP
(£2,488: 1m 6f 134yd) (12)

1	-335	ROCK FACE 15 (BF,D,F) M Prescott 4-9-10	G Duffield 12
2	2323	MOMSER 16 M Ryan 5-9-8	G Carter 1
3	021	ROGERDOR 18 (B,D,F) G Harwood 3-9-7	A Clark 11
4	40-4	DALBY DANCER 21 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 7-9-4	T Quinn 7
5	5153	NIKITAS 8 (D,F,G) Miss A Whitfield 6-9-2	G Baxter 9
6	4354	FAMOUS BEAUTY 8 (F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-2	G Parkin (7) 6
7	1062	ENFANT DU PARADIS 19 (G) P Evans 3-7-10	L Newton (5) 8
8	4400	TROJAN ENVOY 49 W Carter 3-7-10	N Carlisle 2
9	/0-5	LIGHT DANCER 14J (BF) L Codd 5-7-8	R Street 10
10	0004	FAIRGROUNDPRINCESS 24 F Lee 3-7-7	G Bardwell 4
11	0140	MEDIA STAR 11 (CD,F,G) T Kersey 6-7-7	J Quinn 3
12	55-6	VISION OF WONDER 10 (F,G) J King 7-7-7	C Hawksley (7) 5

11-4 Rogerdor, 4-1 Enfant Du Paradis, 5-1 Light Dancer, 7-1 Nikitas, Rock Face, 8-1 Momser, Media Star, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 16 winners from 30 runners, 53.3%, G Harwood, 8 from 24, 33.3%, W O'Gorman, 3 from 10, 30.0%, B Hills, 9 from 32, 28.1%; R Boss, 10 from 40, 25.0%; M Stoute, 7 from 34, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 13 winners from 64 rides, 20.3%, G Carter, 9 from 57, 15.8%, L Dettori, 6 from 42, 14.3%, Paul Eddery, 7 from 53, 13.2%, A Clark, 3 from 24, 12.5%, R Hills, 5 from 44, 11.4%.

PERTH

MANDARIN
2.30 Noddle. 3.00 Magic Soldier. 3.30 Cheswold. 4.00 Direct Interest. 4.30 Nickel Silver. 5.00 Tartan Trademark.

THUNDERER
2.30 Noddle. 3.00 Magic Soldier. 3.30 Marlingford. 4.00 Majestic Ring. 4.30 Topeka Express. 5.00 Tartan Trademark.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

2.30 BLACKSMITH BRAT-PACK NOVICES HURDLE (Scottish Juvenile Series Qualifier: £1,926: 2m) (9 runners)

1		AZUREUS 21F Miss L Perratt 10-10	P Niven
2		FAST-TALKIN TINKER 40F G Richards 10-10	—
3	4	GOLDEN REVERIE 14 (B) M Hammond 10-10	D Bentley (7)
4		NODDLE 22F L Lungo 10-10	L O'Hara
5		SCHWANTZ 21F W Kemp 10-10	K Jones
6		SET THE STANDARDS 89F A Whillans 10-10	G Thomson (7)
7		FOXTROT PIE 14F G Pritchard-Gordon 10-5	S Smith Eccles
8		KIMBA 9F G Moore 10-5	M Dwyer
9		WHAT A CARD 18F Denys Smith 10-5	B Storey

3-1 Azureus, 7-2 Fast-Talkin Tinker, 5-1 Golden Reverie, Noddle, 8-1 Kimba, 14-1 Set The Standards, 20-1 Foxtrot Pie, 25-1 others.

3.00 BLACKSMITH ARE NOT NOVICES CHASE (£2,450: 2m 4f) (6)

1	42-3	CAPRICORN BLUE 14 W Barker 8-11-0	G Harker
2	/5/	DREAMCOAT 476 (S) P Hobbs 10-11-0	S Earle
3	P-F2	MAGIC SOLDIER (G) 1 G Richards 6-11-0	—
4	62-4	UPWELL 14 (F) R Johnson 7-11-0	Mr P Johnson
5	U23-	WAYSIDE 175 V Thompson 9-11-0	Mr S Lyons (7)
6	0-	WHO'S IN CHARGE 166 G Coatsworth 7-11-0	A Merrigan

Evens Magic Soldier, 5-1 Capricorn Blue, 7-1 Upwell, Wayside, 8-1 Who's In Charge, 10-1 Dreamcoat.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; C Weedon, 4 from 12, 33.3%; G Moore, 16 from 53, 30.2%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 3 from 15, 20%; G Richards, 28 from 151, 18.5%; P Monteith, 7 from 48, 14.6%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 10 winners from 24 rides, 41.7%, M Dwyer, 16 from 63, 25.4%; L O'Hara, 5 from 30, 16.7%, P Niven, 10 from 65, 15.4%; R Fahey, 4 from 27, 14.8%. Only qualifiers.

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.30 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,954: 2m) (8)

1	P61-	MARLINGFORD 7F (CD,G,S) Mrs J Jordan 4-12-0	D Morris
2	0/0-	SANTELLA BOBKES 178 (D,G,S) M Barnes 6-11-9	—
3	004-	OUT THE GAP 140 (G,S) S Payne 8-11-3	R Supple
4	233-	GALLOWAY RAIDER 72F (D,F,S) Denys Smith 7-10-13	D Crossman (7)
5	2F-3	CHESWOLD 14 (D,F,S) J Johnson 7-10-12	A S Smith (3)
6	02-1	VAIN PRINCE 14 (D,F) N Tinkler 4-10-6	G McCourt
7	13P-	BELFORT PRINCE 31F (CD,F,G) G Moore 4-10-6	M Dwyer
8	013-	J-TEC BOY 40F (D,G) J Kinane 5-10-0	J K Kinane

11-4 Marlingford, 9-2 Belfort Prince, 11-2 Vain Prince, 6-1 Out The Gap, 8-1 Galloway Raider, Cheswold, 10-1 others

4.00 GOOD, THE BAD AND THE BLACKSMITH SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,626: 2m) (4)

1	/43-	MAJESTIC RING 94 P Monteith 9-11-10	L O'Hara
2	02-1	DIRECT INTEREST 8 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 8-11-4	P Niven
3	0P0-	DONTPUSHME 77 B Ellison 10-10-12	T Reed
4	P/U-	EYRE COURT 372 C Weedon 10-10-12	Peter Hobbs

10-11 Direct Interest, 11-8 Majestic Ring, 10-1 Dontpushme, 14-1 Eyre Court

4.30 BLACKSMITH PUNTERS JOLLY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,968: 2m) (5)

1	15-3	NICKEL SILVER 15 (V,D,F) G Richards 7-12-0	—
2	514-	AL FROLIC 7F (D,G) P Monteith 4-11-3	L O'Hara
3	2//	TOPEKA EXPRESS 12F (D,S) C Tinkler 8-11-1	R Fahey
4	020-	ACE OF DIAMONDS 131 (D,S) F Storey 5-10-11	B Storey
5	5-	GOOD GRACE 378 P Hobbs 4-10-6	Peter Hobbs

11-8 Al Frolic, 7-2 Nickel Silver, Ace Of Diamonds, 9-2 Topeka Express, 12-1 Good Grace

5.00 BOYS FROM THE BLACKSMITH HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,870: 3m) (5)

1	P3-1	TARTAN TRADEMARK 9 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 9-12-0	R Hale (7)
2	1U4-	AZUSA 84 (F,G) M Hammond 8-10-8	S Lyons (7)
3	511-	SHERMAGO 82 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-10-0	Mrs A Farrell (3)
4	084-	ENCHANTED COURT 80 (S) R Lamb 7-10-0	Miss S Lamb (7)
5	/F4-	BRACKAGH RUN 84 S Payne 7-10-0	Miss J Thurlow (7)

7-4 Azusa, 5-2 Tartan Trademark, 3-1 Shermago, 6-1 Enchanted Court, 14-1 Brackagh Run.

Blinkered first time

RIPON: 4.30 Kananga, Sharquin 5.35 Stone Mill LINGFIELD PARK: 5.15 Chough. 5.45 Palacegate Gold. 6.40 Dormers Delight. WOLVERHAMPTON: 7.40 Dixey King, Momentito.

American star arrives safely

KLASSY Briefcase, one of fastest horses in the United States, has arrived in Britain to take on our best sprinters in Thursday's Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes at York.

The six-year-old mare, who was settling in at Tony Budge's Osberton Hall in Nottinghamshire yesterday, is trained by Phil Serpe in New Jersey and will be ridden by Puerto Rican Jose Ferrer.

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Test cricket is diminished by Richards's exit

David Gower, the former England captain, argues that statistics will never do justice to the batting skills of Vivian Richards, who retired from Test cricket this week

Gower: rival captain

THERE is something chilling about the thought of retirement which has, or will, come to all of us involved in professional sport. It affects each of us in different ways, but for the vast majority of professional cricketers it is a relatively quiet transition from public or semi-public figure to ex-pro in whatever line of business is available.

Few are accorded the plaudits and column inches that have marked the grand exit of Vivian Richards from Test match cricket, the result of a glittering career as an international batsman of the highest quality coming to an end during a game of high drama and excellent, fluctuating cricket at the Oval.

As the home supporters, we can applaud a hard-earned English victory, while momentarily berating the scriptwriters on high for not letting the main man go out on a real high — I say momentarily because we all know that those scriptwriters are mainly working for our own Ian Botham (and long may they do so). In any case, Viv will have enough memories to sustain him in retirement without having to worry about one little Test match that did not quite go to plan.

Some of those memories are the ones that sometimes gently haunt me. Although I have not had to field through the large part of his 8,540 Test runs, I have certainly seen a few of them from close quarters, notably his quickfire destruction of my bowling attack in Antigua that set up West Indies' final victory of the 1986 series.

That innings added another record to his collection — the fastest Test century — and proved that, in Antigua at least, he has his own pre-eminent script-writing team. On that occasion the ground simply was not big enough, and at times I was convinced that he was determined to hit the ball out of St John's as well, no matter who bowled at whatever pace.

He also destroyed us and won a game virtually single-handedly in 1984 at Old Trafford, scene of the first one-day international of that series, where he blasted more runs off his own bat than we mustered between us, 189 compared to our 168. Without him we could have won by 85!

Every opponent in the world will have felt the power of his batting, and let us face it, he is not exactly a seven-stone weakling. What we are talking about is a very fine human specimen gifted with all the right muscles and the co-ordination to use them more than effectively.

However, whatever talents God bestows on you, you still need the power to drive you to make best use of those talents — it is no use having your Bentley Continental parked in the drive and no fuel in the tank.

In Viv's case his fuel has been pride; pride as a batsman first against any bowler who dares to oppose him, and also pride as a black man proving that race and skin colour count for nothing in terms of genuine sporting competition.

In the course of it all, that pride has let him down on occasion too, and along with those many other happy memories, people will recall other incidents, such as his confrontation in the press box during play in the Antigua Test last year. A captain's first duty is to lead his team on the field and put aside any personal squabbles until a better and more diplomatic moment. Not, of course, that it made any difference to his team's victory on that occasion.

But we all have our failings, so we will all happily reflect on the great pleasure he brought to cricket lovers the world over, as we finger through all those old magazines and annuals full of photographs of the great man destroying yet another hapless attack.

It is interesting to ponder as these great men leave the stage, Richards this year, Hadlee last, how the game moves eternally on, waiting for the next "king" to emerge for others to watch and emulate, though God help any mere mortal trying to emulate Viv's technique.

Furthermore, note how the game changes over the years. When Bradman came to his last Test innings, curiously enough also at the Oval, he needed four to average 100 in Test cricket. With his runs at the Oval, Viv made sure he maintained an average of over 50, yet I cannot believe that the great Don was twice as good a batsman as I. V. A. Richards. Statistics blind us all — let us keep our eyes open and appreciate what talents are put before us.

Worcestershire are to replace Neale as captain

Surrey fall foul of Botham at his most irrepressible

By Jack Bailey

WORCESTER (first day of three: Surrey won toss): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 48 runs behind Surrey

SOME said Surrey must have celebrated their entry into the NatWest Trophy final too well; others that they clearly had not celebrated at all. What is certain, is that for a side running fourth in the championship with games in hand, they were a surprisingly poor match for Botham and Illingworth on a good New Road batting surface.

A presentable start was followed by a fall from grace in mid-afternoon when 50 balls saw them lurch from 123 for three to 142 for eight, the irrepressible Botham snaffling three of the five wickets to fall during this period and finishing with five for 67.

Being bowled out for 100 runs fewer than they should have been was one thing for Surrey. Running up against the acting captain, Curtis, in form and against Hick with a lot to prove and ideal conditions in which to prove it, was the sort of bad luck Surrey did not need. These two have put on 122, both reaching their half-centuries, identically, from 88 balls with eight fours.

To be fair to Surrey, Botham was at his best. Once he had been astutely switched by Curtis to the New Road end the away swinger went with a vengeance and the arm came over fast as the old zip was there.

Bicknell played well before becoming a victim of Lampitt and the first of D'Oliveira's four catches and the first wicket had put on 59 runs. Stewart holed out to cover off Dilley, but at 91 for two Surrey were comfortable enough. Even when Alikhan was caught at slip off Botham, after batting through 35 overs for his 30, no loud alarms were sounded. But now Illingworth took over from Botham who changed ends and the slide was on.

Indeed, had not Greig been dropped when eight by Rhodes standing back to Botham, the end would have been even swifter. As it was, the Surrey captain's undefeated 38 gave Surrey's total the semblance of respectability; although once Curtis and Hick got going there was not very much to cling to.

As sure as eggs are eggs, Curtis will take over the reins of captaincy from Phil Neale who will, it was announced yesterday, relinquish them at the end of this season. Neale was clearly disappointed that he would not be doing the job for another year after ten seasons in the driving seat — and extremely successful seasons at that. Since he took over in 1982, Worcestershire have won two county championships, two Sunday league titles and, this year, the Benson and Hedges Cup.

However, Neale intends to play out the remaining two years of he contract and has pledged his wholehearted support for his successor. "I accept that the club sees this as the right time for a change," he said. "I shall be happy to help the new captain in any way I can." Worcestershire clearly see the appointment of Kevin Lyons as coach and the departure of Botham for Durham as a watershed in the club's affairs.

ALASTAIR GRANT

Day to remember: Benson hits confidently to leg at Bournemouth on his way to his first championship century

Spinners suffer Gooch's pride

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER (first day of three; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 403 for eight wickets against Northamptonshire

IT HAS been Graham Gooch's week. Far from enervated after his successes against West Indies, the England captain made his highest score of the season, 173, against a Northamptonshire attack which had three batsmen out in the first seven overs. That was a measure of how good his innings was.

How many individuals who had achieved what Gooch did this week would have made as many as this? The pride that he takes in his own performance and in his county was to the fore. He and Hussain, whose innings of 141 was also his best this season, added 287 in 80 overs, not far short of an Essex record for the fourth wicket.

All this after Capel had run amok. From the way he bowled with the new ball, it was hard to believe he could have been dropped by Northamptonshire only a week ago. Stephenson was taken at the wicket playing indeterminately. Prichard and Salim swiftly followed.

Prichard left one which plucked out the off stump without seeming to cut back and, in the same over, Salim received a ball which turned him round, took the shoulder of his bat and ended up at gully. In nine balls Capel had three wickets. There was some help in the pitch and no one could have made better use of it.

So Gooch was vigilant. He saw off Capel, Baptiste and Curran before batting with consummate skill against the spinners, of whom Northamptonshire had three. If you count Bailey, it was four. Nobody plays spin better than Gooch. Ted Dexter regards him as the finest player of slow bowling he has seen, and there cannot be higher praise.

When he reached his half-century by lofting Williams for six over long-on, Gooch signalled that it was time for a different approach. Shifting his weight from one foot to the other, he batted without blemish between lunch and tea. One shot was squeezed over slip to third man but even that could hardly go down as a chance.

During the day, Lamb departed for an urgent visit to the dentist. When he returned, little had changed. Needless to say, a crowd of some 4,000 basked in it all, as if to bely the delegate at a Test and County Cricket Board meeting the previous day who said nobody went to watch county cricket any more.

Gooch faced 243 falls, striking 21 fours and two sixes before Roberts had him caught at long-off. Hussain, who kept pace with him, finished ten runs short of 1,000 for the season. There was a savagery about his strokeplay which brought him 18 fours, a six and, conceivably, a winter at the World Cup.

A fraught few days for Moyes

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

By Michael Austin

CUMBERLAND, a transformed team this season, face an anxious wait before knowing whether they will become the Minor Counties eastern division champions ahead of Staffordshire and Durham.

Staffordshire must beat **Hertfordshire** at Hertford in a match starting next Tuesday to overtake Cumberland, who would also lose their place at the top if **Durham** defeat both **Norfolk** and **Suffolk** next week.

John Moyes, the Cumberland captain, said: "Staffordshire are the major threat to us but I'm also concerned about Durham. Earlier this season, they experimented with players in preparation for first-class status next summer. But they have called upon a settled team successfully in the past two or three games."

After failing to win a championship match in either of the two previous seasons, Cumberland have achieved three victories this summer. Steven Sharp, Chris Stockdale and Simon Dutton have performed well with the bat; David Makinson and Bernard Reidy have bowled well and two spinners, Malcolm Woods and Richard Ellwood have played important roles.

Dorset, without a win in their first six games, have rallied with successive victories over Cornwall and Wiltshire to strengthen their once remote chances of qualifying for the NatWest Trophy next season.

Barry Lewis, the new captain who is in his 21st year with Dorset, attributed the success partly to Jamie Dike, aged 19, a seam bowler, and Sean Walbridge, aged 20, a slow left-armer who plays for Dorchester.

Lewis said: "Sean took nine wickets in his debut match against Cornwall and has an excellent temperament. We have needed support in the bowling department because Julian Shackleton has been suffering from torn ankle tendons."

Wales have added a fraternal distinction to their brief history with the appearance of two brothers, Jonathan and Adrian Griffiths, in the same team for the first time.

Jonathan, aged 26, the St Helens' rugby league stand-off and former Wales rugby union player, plays at club level for Hendy, who are led by Adrian, his elder brother.

Lancashire break free with the aid of missed catches

By Richard Streeton

DERBY (first day of three; Lancashire won toss): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 331 runs behind Lancashire

RECENT trials and tribulations on and off the field were reflected by an uneven batting display by Lancashire yesterday. In the end, though, Graham Lloyd, with a confident 85, ensured that initial setbacks were overcome and maximum batting points secured. Derbyshire were left eight overs to bat and lost Barnett, who edged a ball from DeFreitas into his stumps.

These two teams are not yet completely out of the championship race, with Derbyshire in fifth place and Lancashire sixth, three points behind them. It is not going to be straightforward for them, though, to get a result here on a closely shaved, slow pitch.

Derbyshire bowled tidily early on but the bowlers suffered as Lancashire increased the tempo near the end of their innings. Derbyshire dropped two important slip catches and certainly missed the sharp cutting edge that the injured Devon Malcolm might have provided.

Malcolm's stand-in was Richard Sladdin, a slow left-arm spinner with Yorkshire origins. In his fourth first-class match, Sladdin, who is aged 22, bowled with good flight and control and finished with three wickets.

Lloyd, a modest start to the season left behind him in recent weeks, drove and pulled nine positive fours but was fortunate when six to survive a chance to second slip against Mortensen. Watkinson and DeFreitas were his chief helpers as Lancashire gradually scored with increasing freedom.

Mendis was forced to show more restraint than usual as he held the early part of the innings together. He had been in for some 56 overs when he edged a slip catch at 163 after Mortensen got a ball to bounce more than most. Fowler was among the Lancastrian injured absentees and Speak shared a useful first wicket stand before Base had him leg-before as he stretched forward.

Neither Atherton nor Fairbrother were completely fit. Atherton, who is expected to enter hospital next weekend for his back operation, soon lifted a catch to extra cover.

Fairbrother, who has had treatment for a hamstring niggle, was missed in the slips when five against Cork. He hit six sparkling fours before he was caught behind trying to cut.

Watkinson helped Lloyd to add 54 for the fifth wicket before he gave extra cover a catch. DeFreitas shared a stand of 69 for the sixth and was then brilliantly stumped on the leg side by Krikken, who kept well. Hegg hit freely before Lancashire declared when Lloyd was stumped as he moved out against Sladdin.

Smith to miss Hampshire's NatWest Trophy final

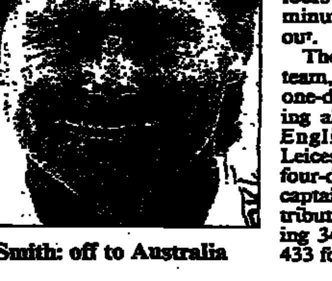
By Geoffrey Wheeler

CHRIS Smith, Hampshire's former England opening batsman, announced his immediate retirement from the first-class game yecterday and will miss the NatWest Trophy final with Surrey at Lord's on September 7. He will not even be in the country at the time, for he flies to Perth next week to become marketing manager of the Western Australia Cricket Association.

Smith, aged 32, said: "It's a wrench but I had no real alternative. I was offered one of the top jobs in Australian cricket and if I did not go now I could lose it." He scored more than 15,000 runs for the county at an average of 46.

Hampshire had a bad day in the field at Bournemouth where, having taken six Leicestershire wickets for 175, their bowlers took a hammering from Justin Benson and Phillip Whitticase, who both made their maiden championship centuries in an unbroken partnership of 219 for the seventh wicket, a Leicestershire record. Benson was 133 and Whitticase 114 when the declaration came at 394 for six.

It was a day of big partnerships. Moxon and Metcalfe launched **Yorkshire** towards a total of 354 for five against **Glamorgan** at Headingley by putting on 156 before Moxon was out for 80. Metcalfe reached 123 from 251 balls, with two sixes and 13 fours, before he was third out at 277.


Smith: off to Australia

Nottinghamshire's championship pretensions were dealt a further blow at Trent Bridge by the **Somerset** fifth-wicket pair of Richard Harden and Neil Burns, who added 178. Jimmy Cook made the 20 runs he needed to become the first batsman to 2,000 for the third successive season but the Somerset innings was in the balance at 149 for four before Harden and Burns took control. Harden hit three sixes and nine fours in 101 made in 177 minutes while Burns is 87 not out.

The **Australian Under-19** team, having already won both one-day internationals, is making all the running against its English counterparts at Leicester in the first of three four-day games. With the captain, Damien Martyn, contributing a masterly 179, including 34 boundaries, they scored 433 for six on the opening day.

A break with tradition by Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE yesterday signed their first coloured player when Adil Ditta was given a two-year contract on the staff of their cricket academy based in Bradford (Martin Searby writes).

Ditta, aged 16, an all-rounder, was born in Middlesbrough of Asian parents. He has represented England at under-15 and under-17 levels. "It has always been my ambition to play for Yorkshire and England and this is a very proud day for me and my family," he said yesterday.

In the past, Yorkshire, have been accused of racism in their selection, a charge which has always been strongly denied.

☐ Walter Sisulu, the deputy president of the African National Congress, said in Melbourne yesterday that he would try to prevent South Africa playing in next year's World Cup unless the country did more to end apartheid quickly.

The Australian Cricket Board said last week South Africa could be included in the competition, to be hosted jointly by Australia and New Zealand in February and March.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbys v Lancs

DERBY (first day of three; Lancashire won toss): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 331 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First innings

G D Mendis c Azharuddin b Mortensen	65
N J Speak lbw b Base	3
M A Atherton c O'Gorman b Sladdin	14
*N H Fairbrother c Krikken b Mortensen	33
G D Lloyd st Krikken b Sladdin	85
M Watkinson c Barnett b Goldsmith	25
P A J DeFreitas st Krikken b Goldsmith	35
†W K Hegg c Azharuddin b Sladdin	30
G Yates not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 14)	24
Total (for 8 wkt dec, 98.3 overs)	347

P J Martin, P J W Allott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-118, 3-159, 4-163, 5-217, 6-286, 7-336, 8-347.

BOWLING: Mortensen 18-4-49-2, Cork 20-2-55-0, Base 20-2-97-1, Sladdin 27.3-6-93-3, Goldsmith 13-2-40-2.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings

*K J Barnett b DeFreitas	5
P D Bowler not out	4
S J Base not out	6
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (for 1 wkt, 9 overs)	16

T J G O'Gorman, M Azharuddin, S C Goldsmith, C J Adams, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, O H Mortensen, R W Sladdin to bat.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and J H Harris.

Essex v Northants

COLCHESTER (first day of three, Essex won toss): Essex have scored 403 for eight against Northamptonshire.

ESSEX, First innings

*G A Gooch c Capel b Roberts	173
J P Stephenson c Roberts b Capel	0
P J Prichard b Capel	2
Salim Malik c Bailey b Capel	0
N Hussain c Lamb b Williams	141
†M A Garnham b Curran	16
D R Pringle c Lamb b Roberts	5
N A Foster not out	41
T D Topley c Williams b Bailey	7
J H Childs not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 10)	11
Total (for 8 wkts)	403

Score after 100 overs: 358-6.

P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-21, 3-21, 4-308, 5-333, 6-347, 7-368, 8-385

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: *A J Lamb, A Fordham, R J Bailey, N A Stanley, D J Capel, K M Curran, E A E Baptiste, R G Williams, A R Roberts, †D Ripley, N G B Cook.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: R C Tolchard and R Julian.

Hampshire v Leics

BOURNEMOUTH (first day of three; Leicestershire won toss): Hampshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 381 runs behind Leicestershire.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings

T J Boon run out	53
*N E Briers c Aymes b Aqib	8
P N Hepworth c Middleton b James	4
J J Whitaker c Aymes b Turner	10
L Potter lbw b James	14
J D R Benson not out	133
C C Lewis c Middleton b Turner	34
†P Whitticase not out	114
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 13)	24
Total (for 6 wkts dec, 100 overs)	394

D J Millns, C Wilkinson, J N Maguire did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-31, 3-65, 4-97, 5-97, 6-175

BOWLING: Aqib 16-2-72-1, Connor 17-4-82-0, Shine 15-2-88-0, James 17-4-56-2, Turner 25-7-89-2, Nicholas 6-0-36-0, R Smith 4-1-22-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton not out	2
V P Terry lbw b Millns	10
I J Turner not out	1
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt, 7 overs)	13

K D James, R A Smith, D I Gower, *M C J Nicholas (Capt), A N Aymes (Wkt), C A Connor, K J Shine, Aqib Javed to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-12.

Bonus points: Hampshire 2, Leicestershire 4.

Umpires: N T Plews and R A White.

Notts v Somerset

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of three; Somerset won toss): Somerset have scored 349 for five wickets in their first innings.

SOMERSET: First innings

S J Cook c Pick b Stephenson	43
G T J Townsend b Stephenson	20
A N Hayhurst c Stephenson b Afford	33
*C J Tavaré c Johnson b Evans	47
R J Harden c French b Stephenson	101
†N D Burns not out	87
G D Rose not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 7)	11
Total (5 wkts)	349

Score after 100 overs: 323-4.

I G Swallow, H R J Trump, D A Graveney, J C Hallett to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-85, 3-149, 4-149, 5-327.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: B C Broad, P R Pollard, *R T Robinson, P Johnson, D W Randall, K P Evans, †B N French, F D Stephenson, E E Hemmings, R A Pick, J A Afford.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 1, Somerset 4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and P B Wright.

Worcs v Surrey

WORCESTER (first day of three; Surrey won toss): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 48 runs behind Surrey

SURREY: First innings

D J Bicknell c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	35
R I Alikhan c Rhodes b Botham	30
A J Stewart c Curtis b Dilley	9
D M Ward lbw b Botham	14
G P Thorpe lbw b Illingworth	22
*I A Greig not out	38
K T Medlycott c D'Oliveira b Illingworth	4
†N F Sargeant c D'Oliveira b Botham	3
M P Bicknell c Lampitt b Botham	0
Waqar Younis c D'Oliveira b Illingworth	16
A J Murphy c Curtis b Botham	1
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 9)	14
Total (66.5 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-79, 3-91, 4-123, 5-123, 6-131, 7-142, 8-142, 9-169, 10-185.

BOWLING: Dilley 14-4-30-1, Newport 12-4-30-0, Lampitt 9-3-25-1, Botham 20.5-4-67-5, Illingworth 13-5-30-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

*T S Curtis not out	65
P Bent b Waqar	5
G A Hick not out	59
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1)	8
Total (for 1 wkt)	137

T M Moody, B D'Oliveira, I T Botham, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, G R Dilley to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-15.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Surrey 1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and D O Oslear.

Yorks v Glamorgan

HEADINGLEY (first day of three; Yorkshire won toss):

YORKSHIRE: First innings

*M D Moxon c Shastri b Watkin	80
A A Metcalfe lbw b Foster	123
D Byas c Metson b Frost	32
S A Kellett b Croft	34
P E Robinson not out	34
†R J Blakey c Dale b Croft	3
C S Pickles not out	26
Extras (lb 12, nb 14)	26
Total (5 wkts)	354

Score after 100 overs: 307-4.

P Carrick, P J Hartley, J D Batty, M A Robinson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-156, 2-245, 3-277, 4-305, 5-315.

GLAMORGAN: *A R Butcher, H Morris, A Dale, M P Maynard, R J Shastri, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, M Frost, D J Foster.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4pts, Glamorgan 1.

Bull under-19 international

England U-19 v Australia U-19

AUSTRALIA: First innings

G Blewett lbw b Walch	34
G Hayne c Crawley b Irani	21
*D Martyn c Latchwell b Chappell	179
K Roberts c Lathwell b Irani	8
A Gilchrist b Walch	54
M Foster not out	77
M Fraser run out	7
M Kasprowicz not out	27
Extras (b 18, lb 4, w 8, nb 1)	26
Total (for 6 wkts)	433

D Castle, S Cook, A Littlejohn to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-79, 3-118, 4-228, 5-370, 6-388.

ENGLAND: T Radford, P Weston, *J Crawley, B Smith, M Lathwell, R Irani, G Walch, G Chapple, M Bainbridge, †A Shaw, M Broadhurst.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

TODAY

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.00, 110 overs

DERBY: Derbyshire v Lancashire.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Northamptonshire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Glamorgan

Tetley Bitter Challenge

11.00

HOVE: Sussex v Sri Lankans.

Bull under-19 international

11.00, 110 overs

LEICESTER: England v Australia.

TOMORROW

Refuge Assurance League

2.0, 40 overs

CHECKLEY: Derbyshire v Glamorgan.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Middlesex.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Leicestershire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Northamptonshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Surrey.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset.
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

Tetley Bitter Challenge

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Liverpool's title challenge looks ominous

Shreeves delivers a champion edict on Tottenham side

By Clive White

FEAR of failure may be the overriding emotion for most first division managers this season as they scramble for their place aboard the the Football Association's caravan to the promised land, but not so Peter Shreeves, the new Tottenham Hotspur manager, who announced yesterday: "We can be champions."

If it was not that Shreeves has already been at the helm of a first division club, namely that of Tottenham, one might put it down to innocence, or at least wild optimism, but Shreeves seems convinced that the signing of Gordon Durie, for £2.2m from Chelsea, in midweek has put them on level footing with the best.

"No one has a better chance than us of winning the title," he said, as the team prepared for its opening game against Southampton at the Dell. "We played the reigning champions Arsenal last week and it was very much even-steven. Since then we have signed a top-quality player."

The belated introduction of Durie to the team's planning has given Shreeves little time to work on new strategies but, thankfully, it does mean that they are obliged to be more adventurous, as befits Tottenham, than they indicated with a five-man midfield in the FA Charity Shield at Wembley.

Some might dispute Shreeves's confidence, given the absence of Paul Gascoigne until probably next year, and the hitherto brittle Durie has yet to prove he can last the course of a demanding 42-match league season.

The warning signs that Liverpool, the former champions, might bounce back, as they have done every season after which they have been deposed since 1975-6, were flashing at Anfield yesterday, ominously for the rest.

Steve McMahon, the driving force behind the side until suffering a crippling knee injury last March, has been declared fit to tackle his fellow first division midfielders, starting with those of newly-promoted Oldham Athletic. McMahon has undergone two operations on his knee and will be a source of encouragement to those encased in plaster: the Achilles tendon sufferers, Rush, Hysen and Venison.

Tottenham notwithstanding, cautious optimism was the order of the day among most leading clubs, perhaps because they sensed this season might be the most open since Aston Villa triumphed ahead of Ipswich Town and Arsenal a decade ago.

While Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, expressed hope that his new players would give them "new impetus and some spark", Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was noticeablely more guarded than in recent years. The absence of Sharpe and Phelan for the game against Notts County, and for at least a further fortnight, plus the usual worry about Robson's soundness and a new one concerning Pallister are reason enough for Ferguson's circumspection.

If strength in depth is the key, one can rely on Arsenal going close to successfully defending their title even though George Graham, their manager, has made it clear that the European Cup is the goal. In expectation of a demanding season, Graham has warned Thomas and Linighan, both unhappy at their omission from the team, that the only first-team football they will play this season is for Arsenal.

Big Ron, Saturday Review

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Arsenal v QPR
Bould, an ever-present for Arsenal last season, is still not fit to resume, so O'Leary deputises. Rocastle and Limpar vie for the wide position. Rangers's squad includes Bailey and Holloway, their new signings.

Chelsea v Wimbledon
Allon, signed from Hartlepool, is set to fill the vacancy in the Chelsea side left by Durie's departure, with first appearances confirmed for Elliott and Boyd. Scales, who is named as captain, takes over from Curle in the Wimbledon defence and Earle, the new signing, joins the midfield.

Coventry v Manchester C
Without a ball being kicked in earnest, Sansom has withdrawn through injury from the Coventry side. Rosario starts his first game. Margetson, a Welsh youth international is preferred to Dibble as Manchester City's replacement for Coton, who completes a suspension. Curle is captain.

Liverpool v Oldham
McMahon, who has undergone two knee operations, is fit as are Barnes and Burrows, but Rush, Hysen and Venison are all still in plaster with Achilles tendon injuries. Snodin, loaned from Leeds, starts for Oldham. Marshall, their top scorer, is doubtful with a groin injury.

Man U v Notts County
Bruce has recovered from a twisted knee, but United will be without Sharpe and Phelan for another fortnight. County are likely to field the same side which won last season's play-off final.

Norwich v Sheffield U
Marwood and Hodges are immediately missing for United through injury and suspension, respectively. Cowan and Mendonca, the new signings, are in the squad. Beckford and Newman make their first division debuts for Norwich.

Nottm Forest v Everton
Forest select three strikers, Sheringham, Jemson and Clough, and prefer Scott Gemmill, the son of Archie, the club coach, to Parker. Beardsley, Ward and Harper make their Everton debuts. Everton have dropped Hinchcliffe and may play Ratcliffe at left back.

Sheff Wed v Aston Villa
Trevor Francis, who has a particularly good record against Villa, may select himself as a third forward. Woods and Warhurst, the new signings, make their debuts. Cowans takes over from Gray as the Villa captain.

Soton v Tottenham
Tottenham adjust their side to accommodate Durie, their new signing. Nayim is likely to stand down. Horne is in contention for Southampton after a hernia operation. Hall could start at centre back after an impressive pre-season.

West Ham v Luton
Thomas makes his debut for West Ham — probably at centre back — on the ground where he also did so for Luton seven years ago. Similarly, Small and Brown make their first appearances. Luton delay their team selection but Gray, signed from Tottenham, should play.

Stewards to take responsibility

By John Goodbody

SECURITY at football grounds seems likely to be the responsibility of stewards rather than the police. The Football Trust is to consider a recommendation that it should divert some of its £2.5 million budget from meeting police costs at grounds to paying for qualified stewards.

The move will be welcomed by the police and the Home Office, who have become concerned at the large number of man-hours spent by officers in controlling crowds inside stadiums.

The League clubs will also be pleased, because last season they had to find £5 million of the £7.5 million bill for policing costs inside grounds, with the Trust providing the remaining £2.5 million.

In May, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, warned that clubs must expect to be charged the full cost for the deployment of officers inside grounds, although authorities could phase in the charges over five years. However, clubs and the Football Trust are therefore considering the shift to stewards.

It is estimated that, at most grounds, three stewards cost as much as one police officer. However, there has been a reluctance in the past to use a large number of stewards at stadiums because they have not been sufficiently qualified.

However, clubs will still need to have some officers on duty at grounds to enforce the Football Offences Bill and to deal with any outbreak of disorder. Central and local government also pay about £30 million each year for policing football crowds outside stadiums, in city centres and on the transport system.

New faces: McCall, left, and Goram are the latest expensive acquisitions at Ibrox

Steven move lifts Rangers transfer turnover to £36m

***RODDY FORSYTH** finds the biggest spenders in British football continuing to live up to their reputation*

EVEN in a summer when the phenomenon of multi-million pound transfer fees has become almost a commonplace in domestic football, the scale of Rangers's dealings in the market for players continues to be the most striking in Britain.

Trevor Steven's move from Ibrox to Marseilles this week meant that Rangers's turnover in transfer fees, which increased remarkably with the advent of Graeme Souness as manager in 1986, has reached an astonishing total of £36 million in just five years.

Steven was Souness's most expensive buy when he arrived from Everton in July 1989 for £1.6 million. The English international midfield player lost that distinction in June when Alexei Mikhailechenko was bought from the Italian champions, Sampdoria, for a fee of £2.5 million. Under Souness and his successor, Walter Smith, Rangers have bought 41 recognised first-team players, many of whom were also included in the outgoing list of 43, of whom 13 were free transfers.

During this period of intensive, and sometimes turbulent, reconstruction of the team, spending on players at Ibrox has totalled £21.25 million. Next week, a transfer tribunal will rule on the value of Robertson, the former Aberdeen full back, who moved to Rangers during the summer. Aberdeen want £1.25 million and the eventual fee will probably not be far off the £1 million mark.

The sale of players during the same period has brought in £13.5 million, so that Rangers' present squad has been acquired for a net outlay of £9 million, although, of course, their market value is considerably greater. Indeed, the most notable feature of Rangers' dealings has been their ability to sell players at a profit.

This summer the departure of the English trio of Walters, to Liverpool for £1.25 million, Woods, to Sheffield Wednesday for £1.25 million, and Steven, to Marseilles for £5 million, means a return on the original outlays of 200 per cent, 225 per cent and 313 per cent respectively.

The other factor in the financial reckoning is salary payments. Rangers' annual report for 1990-1, which will be published next week, is likely to show that around £4.5 million was spent on the wages of around 140 employees, of whom 37 were players. Last season, income from season tickets was equivalent to around 65 per cent of the wages bill, but this season the two figures are likely to converge considerably because of an upsurge in advance ticket sales.

YACHTING

Soviet crew takes the honours in tall-ships contest

By Barry Pickthall

MIR, the fully rigged sailing ship from the Soviet Union, has won the Cutty Sark tall ships race from Aberdeen to Delfzijl, The Netherlands. The 364ft three-master completed the final 340-mile stage of the race in 36 hours 59 minutes to take overall honours and the handicap prize ahead of the Ocean Youth Club's 70ft gaff ketch, Greater Manchester Challenge.

The British yacht, with a crew of 16, crossed the finish line 12 hours after the Mir with her 200-strong complement and lost the handicap prize by just 21 minutes.

The 88ft Irish brigantine, Asgard II, was third, closely followed by Tim Millward's 54ft ketch, Morning Star of Revelation, then two Dutch vessels, Vesta and Eendracht. Sea Spirit, the Gordonstoun school entry, was seventh, and Malcolm Miller, the Sail Training Association's topsail schooner, crewed by an all-girl team, was twelfth, beating her sistership, Winston Churchill, by 40 minutes, despite having to return to the start after crossing the line prematurely.

Last night, Asgard II, skippered by Tom McCarthy, was awarded the principal Cutty Sark trophy after her crew had been judged to have contributed most to international friendship and understanding during the race, which started from Milford Haven last month.

RESULTS: Class A: 1, Mir (USSR); 2, Eendracht (Neth); 3, ORP Iskra (Pol). Class A11: 1, Asgard II (Ire); 2, Henryk Rutkowski (Pol). Class B: 1, Malcolm Miller (GB); 2, Sir Winston Churchill. Class C div 1: 1, Greater Manchester Challenge (GB); 2, Morning Star of Revelation (GB); 3, Vesta (Neth). Div 2: 1, Sea Spirit (GB); 2, Sparta (USSR); 3, Master Builder (BG). Div 3: 1, Tormilind (USSR); 2, Lokki (Fin); 3, Flora (USSR).

☐ Britain has won the Champagne Mumm world cup, finishing the two-season offshore racing championship two points ahead of Australia. The series, which took in the Southern Cross Cup in Australia, which Britain won, the Kenwood Cup in Hawaii and the Sardinia Cup, concluded with this week's Admiral's Cup in which Britain finished fourth and Australia eighth.

Stronger westerlies brought the Fastnet race tail-enders back to Plymouth in a rush yesterday, leaving just one yacht, John Edmondson's Irish entry, Cascade, to complete the course. Michael Taylor-Jones's S&S 34 Deerstalker won Class 4 from Donal Morrissy's Irish entry, Joggernaut. Top boat in Class 5 was The Youth Challenge, skippered by Matthew Humphries, seven minutes ahead of Duncan Munro Kerr's yacht, Trocar.

FASTNET RACE RESULTS. Class 1 (IOR): 1, Passage (G Dalton, NZ); 2, Corum Diamant (X Phelipon, Fr); 3, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 4, Zurich Forsikring (J Host, Den); 5, Port Pendennis (A Hurst, GB). Class 2 (IMS): 1, Iona (N Brown, US); 2, Congere (B Koeddel, US); 3, Sunstone (T & V Jackson, GB); 4, Merrythought (J Scott, US); 5, Suhina (P Arko, Fin). Class 3 (CHS): 1, Yellow and Blue (J-Y Func, Fr); 2, Dump Truck (C Hotson, GB); 3, Crusader (R Matthews, GB); 4, Citron (W Borel, Fr); 5, Spirit of Scotland (K Beeg, GB). Class 4: 1, Deerstalker (M Taylor-Jones, GB); 2, Joggernaut (D Morrissy, Ire); 3, Course I Can (J Bainbridge, GB); 4, Buckshot (R Emberson, GB); 5, April Storm (H Usherwood, GB). Class 5: 1, The Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB); 2, Trocar (D Monro Kerr, GB); 3, Ratoo II (C Besancon, Fr); 4, Mowgli (D Jones, GB); 5, Blue Dragon (B Smotton, GB).

BOWLS

Bray holds sway

By Gordon Allan

PLAYING with borrowed bowls, Richard Bray skipped his Stenalees team, from Cornwall, into the semi-finals of the Woolwich EBA triples championship with a 28-11 win over City of Exeter at Worthing yesterday.

Bray, a former EBA and British Isles singles champion, damaged one of his woods during the indoor season but the borrowed set suited him just as nicely. With Alan Read and Stephen Truscott, he was always a step ahead of Hemingford in the third round and two or three steps ahead of Exeter.

Today, they play Paul Barlow, Andrew Baxter and John Bell, of Wigton, who beat Pegasus, an Essex combination, 22-19. Bell won this title in 1976.

Wigton led 17-7, Pegasus overtook them to lead 19-18, but the Cumbrians claimed the last two ends.

The other quarter-finals were also close. Summertown, Oxford, beating Boscombe Cliff by three shots and Mansfield Colliery Welfare beating Newton Hall, Blackpool, by one. Clarry Oakton and his son, John, play first and second to Barry Sheppard, for Mansfield.

In the morning, both Dorset teams, from Greenhill, lost by one on the last end.

RESULTS: Triples: Third round: Summertown (Oxon) bt Greenhill (Dorset), 19-18; Boscombe Cliff bt Brampton Institute (Hunts), 17-10; Newton Hall (Lancs) bt Kingsthorpe (Northants), 16-13; Mansfield Colliery (Notts) bt Portland (Northumberland), 15-14; City of Exeter bt Greenhill, 16-15; Stenalees (Cornwall) bt Hemingford (Hunts), 16-12; Pegasus (Essex) bt Mid Surrey, 18-14; Wigton (Cumbria) bt Chippenham Park, 22-13. Quarter-finals: Summertown bt Boscombe Cliff, 16-13; Mansfield Colliery bt Newton Hall, 18-17; Stenalees bt City of Exeter, 28-11; Wigton bt Pegasus, 22-19.

☐ Among the eight qualifiers for the national under-25 championship finals at Worthing tomorrow are three junior internationals, Stuart Airey, Barry Jenkins and Steve Utting.

DRAW: A Croft (Bolderton) v S Airey (Workington); B Jenkins (Hounslow Sports) v W Garnett (Welworthy); L Prince (Preston Manor) v M Bantock (Gerards Cross); N Farrant (Madeira Exmouth) v S Utting (Browston Hall).

Coyne is the danger

By Stephen Slater

LOCAL experience of the Brands Hatch track may offer the winning factor as teams line up at the Kent circuit tomorrow for Britain's only round of the International Formula 3000 championship.

Last year, Allan McNish, of Scotland, took victory after a jammed wheel in the pits robbed Damon Hill of his race lead, but this year both drivers have suffered from handling and reliability problems with their Lola cars and the championship is being led by Christian Fittipaldi, of Brazil.

However, the Brands Hatch veteran, Dave Coyne, is a fancied outsider.

☐ The Spanish round of the world sportscar championship was cancelled at short notice yesterday for the second successive year. The race, scheduled for Jerez de la Frontera on September 1, is off because of promotional problems.

IN BRIEF

Devoy out of Open

THE world No. 1 squash rackets player, Susan Devoy, withdrew from the New Zealand Open in Hamilton yesterday just days after announcing that she was three months pregnant. Devoy, who had reached the quarter-finals, accepted medical advice not to go on court.

SNOOKER: Jimmy White is the latest big name player to part company with Barry Hearn's Matchroom management.

RUGBY UNION: The former Orrell president, Eric Smith, has died, aged 67.

TENNIS: Stefan Edberg and Ivan Lendl were beaten in the Volvo international at New Haven, Connecticut yesterday. Edberg lost to the Dutchman, Richard Krajicek, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 and Lendl went down to Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-4.

☐ Andre Agassi is to have a check-up after falling ill in two tournaments.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Four players have been suspended for a total of 18 matches after a pre-season tournament game between Whitehaven and Workington Town. Billy Fisher and John Routledge, of Whitehaven, received eight-match and six-match bans respectively, and Wayne Kitchin and Dean Williams of Workington were suspended for two matches each.

GOLF: Organisers of the Benson and Hedges International Open tournament have extended their option to host the PGA European Tour event at St Mellion in Cornwall up to 1993.

☐ Francisco Valera won the British Boys' championship, beating the English international, Robert Walton, 4 and 3 in the 36-hole final yesterday at Montrose.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

HELSINKI: European championship: Semi-final: England 49, Netherlands 3. England meet Finland in the final tomorrow.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 7, Montreal Expos 6; San Diego Padres 1, Atlanta Braves 0; Philadelphia Phillies 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; St Louis Cardinals 4, New York Mets 1; San Francisco Giants 4, Cincinnati Reds 1; Houston Astros 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 1. AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 5, Kansas City Royals 1; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Seattle Mariners 8, Oakland A's 5; Baltimore Orioles 9, Texas Rangers 2; Boston Red Sox 6, Cleveland Indians 2; Detroit Tigers 8, Chicago White Sox 4; California Angels 9, Minnesota Twins 1.

BOWLS

NORTHFIELD: Scottish women's championship: Quarter-finals: J Wilson (Castlehill) bt M Connell (Thurso), 25-22; S Gourlay (Annbank) bt S Ferguson (Bridge of Weir), 25-20; G Brittain (Cardonald) bt C Savage (Dalry), 25-23; A McBeth (Singer) bt J Maxwell (Castle Douglas), 25-18.

CYCLING

LISSONE, Italy: Coppa Agostoni (208km): 1, D Cassani (It), 5hr 11min 50sec; 2, C Mobet (Fr), at 15sec; 3, R Gusmeroli (It), same time. TOUR DU LIMOUSIN: Second stage (176km): 1, O Ouvrard (Fr), 5hr 02min 01sec; 2, J-P Rouxel (Fr), same time; 3, D Arnaud (Fr), same time. Third stage (185km): 1, P Simon, 4:50:32; 2, A Kappes (Ger), at 41sec; 3, J-C Colotti (Fr), same time. Overall leader: Kappes, 13hr 04min 52sec. TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: Fifth stage (181km): 1, A van der Poel (Neth), 4hr 04min; 2, K Hopmans (Neth), at 7sec; 3, J Hanegraaf (Neth), same time. Overall leader: F Maassen (Neth), 16hr 19min 35sec.

SNOOKER

HEMSBY, Norfolk: British junior championships: Under-19: Final: M Williams (Gwent) bt D Hughes (Portadown), 4-1. Under-15: Final: M Stevens (Camarthen) bt H Hiscken (Cambs), 3-2. STOKE: Aston Open (England unless stated) Second round: A Davies (Wales) bt M Morra (Can), [illegible]; [illegible] Evans bt M Macleod (Scot), 5-0; B Pinches bt C Johnston-Allen, 5-0; K Payne w o J Spencer, scr; S Reardon bt B Rowswell, 5-3; D Gilbert bt P Dawkins (Wales), 5-3; S Campbell bt J Ferguson, 5-4; J Woodman bt A Cairns, 5-3; R Foldvari (Aus) bt D Langton, 5-2.

SQUASH RACKETS

HAMILTON: New Zealand open championships: Men: Quarter-finals: C Dittmar (Aus) bt P Steel (NZ), 10-8, 9-0, 9-3; R Norman (NZ) bt C Payne (Eng), 9-2, 9-5, 9-1; A Schweiber (Aus) bt G Wilson (NZ), 9-2, 4-9, 9-7, 9-7; R Martin (Aus) bt B Hadrell (Aus), 9-3, 9-2, 9-6. Women: Quarter-finals: F Geaves (Eng) w o S Devoy (NZ), scr; D Drady (Aus) bt S Wright (Eng), 9-1, 9-0, 9-8; L Irving (Aus) bt M Le Moignan (Eng), 10-8, 4-9, 9-1, 8-10, 9-3; R Lambourne (Aus) bt M Martin (Aus), 10-8, 6-9, 4-9, 9-6, 9-7.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE 2ND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Collingham: Sussex 436-6 dec. Nottinghamshire 229 (G F Archer 69; R A Bunting 5-70) and 369-6 (D J R Martindale 139 not out, M Newell 96). Match drawn. Halesowen: Derbyshire 378-9 dec and 246-3 dec (A M Brown 81 not out, F A Griffith 57); Worcestershire 350-5 dec and 278-8 (R Gofton 86 not out, S McEwan 67, G R Haynes 51). Worcestershire won by 2 wkts. Usk: Glamorgan 303-8 dec (J Williams 112, M L Roberts 57) and 174 (I Smith 51; P J Berry 5-63); Yorkshire 301-9 dec (C Chapman 95, P A Grayson 74; S Kimon 5-87) and 180-5 (B Parker 55). Yorkshire won by 5 wkts. Walmley: Gloucestershire 333-9 dec (A J Hunt 92, T H C Hancock 89, E T Milburn 75) and 298 (R C Williams 104, Hancock 67; D R Brown 4-100); Warwickshire 300-7 dec (R G Twose 108; M C J Ball 5-86) and 218-9 (Twose 71, I G S Steer 57). Match drawn. Weston: Middlesex 359 (J C Pooley 162, G I Macmillan 56, M Keech 51) and 175-4 dec (Keech 61, Macmillan 59); Somerset 255 (R J Turner 57; P N Weekes 5-79) and 203-6 (R J Bartlett 82, R J Turner 51). Match drawn. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: March: Bedfordshire 199 and 192 (R Swann 56, M Gouldstone 50; D Collard 5-54), Cambridgeshire 200-5 dec and 193-1 (N T Gadsby 108 not out, G W Ecclestone 53). Cambridgeshire won by 9 wkts. Torquay: Devon 224-4 dec (S M Willis 100, J H Edwards 63) and 257-2 dec (N A Folland 86 not out, A J Pugh 84 not out); Oxfordshire 203-8 dec (P M Jobson 67) and 279-9 (S N V Waterton 67, Jobson 50; T W Ward 5-89). Oxfordshire won by 1 wkt. ESSO UNDER-19 FESTIVAL: At Oxford: Kent 274-5 (S Warley 130 not out); Gloucestershire 140 (J Barr 5-31). Kent won by 134 runs. Leinster 207 (T Williamson 72, M Connelly 54); Somerset 210-5 (A Fear 52; S Taylor 4-61). Somerset won by 5 wkts. Worcestershire 243-6 (D McDonnell 91; I Cuttle 4-37, N Haddock 4-29); Derbyshire 116. Worcestershire won by 127 runs. Staffordshire 236-9 (J Snape 80; N Hunt 4-35); Glamorgan 184 (R Wiseman 5-59). Staffordshire won by 52 runs. Buckinghamshire 238-9 (C Jaggard 105); Hertfordshire 188 (Lehman 7-53). Buckinghamshire won by 50 runs. Wiltshire 182 (M Smith 52; J Stewart 5-76); Berkshire 120 (E Lemon 4-38). Wiltshire won by 62 runs. Oxfordshire 219-6 (D Stanley 112; E Burke 4-78); Warwickshire 193 (M Powell 93 not out). Oxfordshire won by 25 runs. Hampshire 329-8 (D Carson 88, C Tomason 66, A Small 54); Shropshire 190 (E Middleton 61, R Miller 5-53). Hampshire won by 139 runs. At Cambridge: Surrey 289-5 (M Church 112 not out; L Hunt 4-89); Leicestershire 201 (H Watkinson 5-49). Surrey won by 87 runs. Middlesex 209-9 (R Thacker 79); Yorkshire 184 (M Foster 81; A Johnson 5-49). Middlesex won by 25 runs. Bedfordshire 169-9; Sussex 170-3 (T Pierce 70 not out). Sussex won by 7 wkts. Cheshire 215 (S Warrington 8-92); Suffolk 193-8 (B Sindell 63 not out; R Hignet 4-38). Cheshire won by 22 runs. Cambridgeshire 201-7 (R Weston 64, D Watts 51); Lancashire 187 (M Harvey 53; A Law 4-53). Cambridgeshire won by 14 runs.

YACHTING

CLYDE: Formula One grand prix: First race: 1, Stars and Stripes (J Bertrand, US); 2, Hewlett (J Diesch, Ger); 3, Becks Bier (B Bellken, Ger); 4, Scottish Enterprise (M McIntyre, Scot). PARKSTONE: British open 420 championship: Final positions (provisional): 1, S and G Irish (Draycote), 5.75pts; 2, C Neill and W Kibble (Exe), 12.50; 3, D Edwards and S Brewer (British Steel), 28.00.

Fiona Geaves: Britain's last hope in Hamilton

GOLF

MONTROSE: British boys championship: Semi-finals: R Walton (Calcot Park) bt R Tang (Mountain Lakes), 6 and 4; F Valera (Sp) bt C Hanell (Swe), at 20th. Final: Valera bt Walton, 4 and 3. DALMAHOY: EGA Trophy (GB and Ireland v Continent of Europe youths match, home names first): Foursomes: P Harrington and R Hutt lost to K Eriksson and P Magnebrandt, 1 hole; I Garbutt and N Ludwell bt C Beautell and D Borrego, 5 and 3; G Houston and A Barnett bt M Gortana and M Scarpa, 3 and 2; A Jones and D Robertson bt D Bian and F Cupillard, 4 and 3. Singles: Harrington lost to Cupillard, 1 hole; Garbutt halved with Eriksson; Hutt lost to M Florioli, 1 hole; Ludwell lost to Magnebrandt, 4 and 2; M Hastie bt Beautell, 5 and 4; Houston lost to Scarpa, 1 hole; Jones bt Borrego, 1 hole; Robertson bt Gortana, 5 and 4. First day score: Great Britain and Ireland 6½, Europe 5½. CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: US PGA International tournament (modified Stableford). Early first-round leaders (US unless stated). 18: K Clearwater. 14: L Hinkle. 12: R Clampett. 10: J Maggert, R Thompson. 9: J Sindelar, J Haas, M Standly, M Reid, S Gump. TOCHIGI: Japan PGA championship: Leaders after two rounds (Japan unless stated). 137: S Mori, 74, 63. 138: Y Yokoshima, 68, 70. 139: N Yuhara, 71, 68. 140: H Makino, 71, 69; T Watanabe, 70, 70; M Kuramoto, 69, 71; N Ozaki, 67, 73. 141: T Nakamura, 70, 71; S Itoh, 69, 72. Leading Briton: 145: P Hoad, 73, 72. KARUIZAWA, Japan: Tokyu women's tournament: First round (Japan unless stated): 70: N Yoshikawa, K Suzuki. 71: Kim Ae-Sook (S Kor), K Hamada, K Mochizuki. 72: Tu Ai-Yu (Taiwan), Y Moriguchi, Huang Yueh-Chyn (Taiwan), Yeh Wei-Fang (Taiwan), C Yamazaki, H Miyazawa, T Ikebuchi, A Okamoto, Y Harada, M Inaba, Y Kawanami, A Hashimoto, M Uchida. Leading Briton: 73: K Davies.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

BASKETBALL: Semi-finals: Puerto Rico 73, United States 68; Mexico 93, Cuba 87. HOCKEY: Men: Bronze medal: United States 7, Barbados 1. Women: Final: Argentina 0, Canada 0 (Argentina won 3-1 on penalty strokes). Bronze medal: United States 7 Mexico 0.

GLIDING

ENSTONE, Oxfordshire: Open class national championships: Fourth day (provisional; 300km, five completions of 37): 1, A Clarke (Ventus B), 58.74kph, 1,000pts; 2, J Cardiff (ASW 22), 55.2, 994; 3, C Rollings (ASH-25), 53.7, 988; 4, J Gorringe (ASH-25), 50.44, 976; 5, Alister Kay (ASH-25) 49.77, 974. Overall: 1, Kay, 3,803; 2, Rollings, 3,775; 3, T Macfadyen (ASW20L), 3,715. HUSBANDS BOSWORTH: Women's European championships: Sixth day (all provisional). Standard (200km tri, Potton, Ely, 1 completion of 18): 1, M Schwarzenbach (Switz, DG-300), 56.3kph, 749pts; 2, M Hohm-Stattelmann (Ger, LS-7), 195.4km, 706; 3, A Chrzaszcz (Pol, SZD-55), 190.2, 687. British placings: 12, K Hodgson (Pegasus), 174.5, 630; 15, J Burry (DG-300), 146.9, 531. Overall positions: 1, M Kvzivatova (Cz), 4,598pts; 2, Chrzaszcz, 4,569; 3, Hohm-Stattelmann, 4,525. British placings: 13, Hodgson, 3,969; 17, Burry, 3,006. 15-metre (300km tri, Potton, Ely; 3 completions of 12): 1, H Zajdova (Cz, Ventus), 64.3kph, 702pts; 2, I Meyer zu Wicken (Ger, LS-6), 61.9, 688; 3, G Spreckley (GB, LS-6C), 48.6, 616. Other British placings: 5, J Nash (Ventus), 187.1km, 548; 6, P Hawkins (LS-6B), 186.2, 545; 7, L Norman (DG-200), 178.6, 517. Overall positions: 1, G Wenreich (Ger, LS-6), 4,600pts; 2, P Zimmermann (Ger, LS-6), 4,526; 3, Zajdova, 4,436. British placings: 5, Hawkins, 4,112; 6, Spreckley, 4,098; 8, Nash, 3,770; 9, Norman, 3,565.

BOXING

MARSELLA: World Boxing Council featherweight championship (12 rnds): Marcos Villasana (Mex, holder) bt Ricardo Cepeda (P Rico), pts.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: United States men's hardcourt championship (US unless stated). Second round: F Santoro (Fr) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. Third round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; D Wheaton bt S Bryan, 6-3, 7-5; P Sampras bt P McEnroe, 6-3, 6-4; R Fromberg bt T Mayotte, 6-1, 7-5; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt A Volkov (USSR), 7-6, 7-5; J Courier bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-2, 6-1; B Becker (Ger) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; Santoro bt A Agassi (US), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2. NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: International men's tournament (US unless stated). Third round: M Rosset (Switz) bt I Lendl (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt J Siemerink (Neth), 6-2, 6-4; P Korda (Cz) bt R Reneberg, 6-3, 7-6; R Krajicek (Neth) bt S Edberg (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; D Rostagno (US) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 6-3, 7-5; J McEnroe (US) bt F Roese (Br), 6-0, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; O Camporese (It) bt D Marcelino (Br), 6-2, 6-2.

SWIMMING

FORT LAUDERDALE: United States national championships (all US): Men: 400m freestyle: L Jorgensen, 3min 54.15sec. 100m backstroke: D Weatherford, 56.25sec. 100m breaststroke: 1, S van Neerden, 1min 02.11sec; 2, M Barrowman 1:02.12. 100m butterfly: T Zeditz, 54.53sec. Women: 400m freestyle: J Kole 4min 15.54sec. 100m backstroke: B Bedford, 1:02.43. 100m breaststroke: E Short, 1:10.79. 100m butterfly: 1, P Wilson, 1:01.03; 2, D Torres 1:01.06.

GOLF

Hard-hitting Swede takes girls' title

By Patricia Davies

MARIA Hjorth became the first Swede to win the British girls' championship when she beat Janice Moodie, from Glasgow, in the final at Whitchurch, Cardiff, yesterday.

Hjorth, aged 18, from Falun, has been belting balls since she was five years old and is the latest in the seemingly endless Swedish production line of big-hitting blondes.

Five under par in beating Stephanie Dallongeville, of France, in the semi-finals, Hjorth found herself two down after four holes against Moodie, who had beaten Joanne Hockley, of England, in a match between two tired players. Both Hockley and Moodie had played six matches in the junior internationals the previous week and it showed.

Hjorth, encouraged by a swarm of teammates, squared the final with an eagle three at the 5th and a birdie three at the 6th. She moved ahead with a birdie four at the 8th and turned two up when Moodie took three putts at the 9th.

Moodie had a chance to take the 10th but squandered it with a weak chip and Hjorth, who suspected then that she was going to win, boomed a drive down the middle at the 11th. Moodie hit a weary effort into a bunker less than 150 yards from the tee and Hjorth went three up. It was a deficit Moodie could not make up.

In the second-flight final, Charlotta Sorenstam, another Swede, beat Mhairi McKay, of Scotland, by two holes.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: M Hjorth (Swe) bt S Dallongeville (Fr), 5 and 4; J Moodie (Windyhill) bt J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry), 5 and 3. Final: Hjorth bt Moodie, 3 and 2. Second flight: Semi-finals: C Sorenstam (Swe) bt G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District), 3 and 1; M McKay (Turnberry) bt K Burton (Wimbledon Park), 6 and 5. Final: Sorenstam bt McKay, 2 holes.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Britain run into final

By Richard Wetherell

THE champions face the hosts when Great Britain play Finland in the European championship final at the Olympic stadium, Helsinki, tomorrow. Both sides won their semi-finals comfortably, Finland overpowering France 52-0 and Great Britain beating the Netherlands 49-3.

Britain's style is safety first on offense, and all seven touchdowns came from the run. "Our best way," Ray Willsey, the head coach, said, noting the size of Britain's offensive line, their lesser proficiency throwing the ball and the lack of practice.

Leading 14-3 at half-time, Britain ran riot in the second half, adding five touchdowns even without Warren Sweetman. He ran for more than 100 yards in the opening half and was voted the game's most-valuable player.

Finland gained their place in the final by punishing basic errors and were aided by two World League of American Football players.

EQUESTRIANISM

Dutch serve up treat in Nations Cup

ROTTERDAM — The Dutch team won at its own Nations Cup here for the first time since 1955 when it was clear in the barrage with no faults (a Special Correspondent writes). The French had eight faults and were handicapped in having to start first against the clock, with the new European champion, Eric Navet, taking the wrong route on Waiti Quito de Baussy.

The last French starter, Pierre Durand's Jappeloup, showed signs of his years, having two fences down.

Germany and Switzerland shared third place with eight faults over the first two rounds, with the British back in fifth on 12 faults. Spain were well behind on 25, and the United States, Sweden and Belgium failed to qualify for the second round.

Despite not increasing their score in the year-long HCS Nations Trophy, Britain still lead the French.

The British dressage team, using this show as its final trial before the European championships next month, finished one place higher than the jumpers. It came as no surprise that the Germans won comfortably.

☐ Susanna Macaire has decided to retire her injured horse, Master Marius.

RESULTS: Rotterdam Nations Cup: 1, Netherlands, 4 faults, 0 in jump-off; 2, France, 4, 8; equal 3, Germany and Switzerland, 8; 5, Britain, 12; 6, Spain, 25. HCS Nations Trophy: 1, Britain, 34pts; 2, France, 29½; 3, Netherlands, 24½. Dressage Grand Prix (team): 1, Germany, 4,991; 2, Netherlands, 4,475; 3, France, 4,267; 4, Britain, 4,249; 5, United States, 4,223; 6, Belgium, 4,204. Individual: 1, Rembrandt Borbet (N Uphof, Ger), 1,718; 2, Gigolo (I Werth, Ger), 1,637; 3, Goldstern (K Balkenhol, Ger), 1,636; 8, Dutch Gold (J Lorston-Clarke, GB), 1,489.

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The market value of English players soars again

Steven joins the ranks of the £5 million club

By Clive White

THE international market value of English players, notably midfield ones, has continued to soar. Trevor Steven yesterday followed the road to the continent down which Paul Gascoigne and David Platt have recently travelled when he jumped at the chance of joining Marseilles, the French champions, in a £5 million deal which dramatically caught the deadline for European competition.

Steven also becomes the member of an exclusive club of which only a handful of players belong but of which England now have three: the £5 million club. On the eve of an historic season in England that promises untold riches for the chosen few, Steven has opted, like his English international colleagues, to become a millionaire overnight.

As he flew into the south of France yesterday to link up with Chris Waddle, another English midfield player who was purchased three seasons ago for a mere £4.2 million, Bernard Tapie, the French *club's millionaire president*, extolled the virtues of the 27-year-old player signed from Rangers.

"You're going to see that he's a true modern footballer," Tapie said. "I've been following him for eight matches." It is the task of Raymond Goethals and Tomislav Ivic, the Marseilles coaches (who knew nothing of the transfer until they read it in yesterday's newspapers) to mould Steven into a side which will carry off the European Cup this season.

After last season's narrow but bitter disappointment in the final against Red Star Belgrade, failure does not bear thinking about if they wish to retain their positions under Tapie. The Marseilles president may not be a bad judge, though, of football talent if the observations of Howard Kendall, the Everton manger, are anything to go by.

Kendall, who bought Steven for a comparative song eight years ago from Burnley, described Steven, as "one of the finest players to grace the English game over the past ten years" and bracketed him with the likes of Ian Rush, Kenny Dalglish and Kevin Sheedy. "So I am not too surprised that he now finds himself a multi-million pound footballer," Kendall said. "He has so many tremendous qualities."

"It was one of the best pieces of business I have been involved in when I bought Trevor. Initially, he struggled to come to terms with football at a higher level, but I knew that he would come good; he had far too much quality to fail."

Steven: £5 million man

Kendall said that Bob Paisley, the former Liverpool manager, had also been interested in signing Steven earlier in his career, but on the two occasions that Paisley went to watch him, he was withdrawn. Liverpool eventually turned him down because the believed he lacked stamina.

Nowadays, he is viewed as a worker — "a real hard one" according to Waddle — rather than a dribbler. "He really shows when the ball is kept tight, like at Rangers on the right, and he has real vision," Waddle said.

Negotiations for Steven appeared to have broken down several weeks ago when Rangers expressed dissatisfaction at Marseilles system of payment for the transfer of the player *who has signed a three-year* contract with one-year option.

The sale enabled Rangers to strike swiftly for Stuart McCall, the Everton midfield player, who joined them in a £1.4 million transfer after catching the last flight to Edinburgh on Thursday night with seconds to spare. He willplay against Heart of Midlothian today.

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Gachot's team hoping for Belgian all-clear

THE Jordan-Ford Formula One motor racing team has not given *up* hope that Bertrand Gachot will drive for them in the Belgian grand prix next weekend.

Gachot will spend the weekend in Brixton prison while the team tries to have him freed in time for the race at *Spa Francorchamps. A High* Court judge yesterday adjourned the Frenchman's application for bail pending appeal against the assault conviction and 18-month prison sentence he received on Thursday for spraying tear gas *in the face of a London taxi* driver. Mr Justice May also adjourned, until probably Tuesday, Gachot's application for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence.

Ian Phillips, the Jordan team's commercial manager, *said: "Tuesday is not too late.* Official practice starts on Friday." The sport's governing body, Fisa, must have the names of competitors by 6pm on Thursday.

ITF bans Seles from Olympics

MONICA Seles has been banned from next year's Olympic Games because she failed to play in the Federation Cup in Nottingham. The International Tennis Federation (ITF) reacted firmly yes*terday to the world No. 1's* controversial withdrawal from the Cup, imposing the ban and also a £1,250 fine on the Yugoslav Tennis Association, which nominated Seles in its team for Nottingham.

Seles pulled out 36 hours before the event, claiming she had a shin injury, even though she was fit enough to play in an exhibition event in the United States. ITF officials later gave her time to produce a medical certficate explaining her Nottingham absence.

The ITF said in a statement yesterday: "The committee of management of the ITF concluded that Ms Seles's decision to compete in an exhibition event, while at the same time withdrawing from the Federation Cup on medical grounds, was not justified by the medical documents supplied by her representatives.

"The committee have informed Ms Seles, with regret, that she is therefore not eligible for nomination to the Olympic Games in 1992."

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Water hazard: Chapman prepares to pitch on the green at the 10th yesterday

Ballesteros on the heels of the leaders

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

SEVERIANO Ballesteros emerged from a four-hour meeting with Bernard Gallacher, Europe's Ryder Cup captain, at The Belfry yesterday, then moved onto the heels of the leaders in the NM English Open with a second round of 71.

The Spaniard appeared as concerned about next month's match against the United States at Kiawah Island as he is of overhauling Roger Chapman, the halfway leader.

Ballesteros refused to be drawn into commenting on what he discussed with Gallacher over team selection, but stressed the importance of his colleagues putting the match before themselves.

"I told Bernard that I wanted everybody to take a rest during the next few weeks," Ballesteros said. "I told him that all the players must think of the team. They must be fresh, especially as some don't know how demanding the Ryder Cup is."

Tony Jacklin, the former European captain, called Ballesteros his "eyes and ears" in the locker room and Gallacher, who completes his team after the German Open next week, is clearly moving towards a similar relationship.

Gallacher would appear to be close to determining the composition of his team, and the *smart* money is being placed on Per-Ulrik Johansson becoming the first Swedish golfer to play in the match.

Johansson did little to weaken his claims with rounds of 69 and 73 in the company of Ballesteros, whereas in the match ahead Sandy Lyle and Gordon Brand Jr both failed to beat the cut following second rounds of 76.

Brian Barnes, who played in six Ryder Cup matches, is of the opinion that Lyle should not be selected for the team. "If Sandy plays it will not only damage Europe's claims, but he will damage himself," he said. "It *could* destroy his career. We all admire Sandy, and I'm sure there is nobody who would not have liked to have seen him comeback, but I think it would be best for the man himself if he was not picked."

There was a time when it appeared certain that Chapman would graduate from Walker Cup status to the Ryder Cup team. Nowadays, however, he would unquestionably settle for the tournament victory that he has failed to claim in ten years on the PGA European Tour.

Chapman has turned to help from David Leadbetter, whose advice on putting has been inspirational, and to Alma Thomas, a sports psychologist. "She worked with the England rugby team and she has encouraged me to relax more on the course," Chapman said.

This he did throughout a round of 66, which gave him a total of 135, nine under par, a stroke ahead of Mark James, who took six at the 18th for a *70. James hit a four-iron from* out of a bunker at the last, but he failed to make the carry over the water for the first time in 50 competitive rounds on the Brabazon course.

Ballesteros is one of four players sharing third place on 141. They include Steven Richardson, who drove into the water at the 18th to finish with a 70. Colin Montgomerie was among those who failed to avoid the guillotine.

Jim Payne, the leading amateur in the Open Championship last month, qualified for the final two rounds, as did the three other members of the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team. Payne, with a 72 for 145, finished ahead of Ricky Willison (72 for 146), Gary Evans (73, 147) and Andrew Coltart (72, 147).

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LEADING SCORES

SECOND ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated): 135: R Chapman, 69, 66. 136: M James, 66, 70. 141: D Gilford, 70, 71; C Rocca (It), 68, 73; S Richardson, 71, 70; S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 71. 142: J Parnevik (Swe), 68, 74; B Marchbank, 70, 72; P-U Johansson (Swe), 69, 73; P Price, 69, 73. 143: F Lindgren (Swe), 72 71; P Broadhurst, 69, 74; M Clayton (Aus), 72, 71. 144: R Davis (Aus), 71, 73; P Mitchell, 75, 69; R Huff (US), 77, 67; L Tinkler (Aus), 73, 71; P Hall, 73, 71; M Piñero (Sp), 68, 76; P Fowler (Aus), 73, 71.

145: S Field, 72, 73; H Baiocchi (SA), 72, 73; J Rystrom (Swe), 77, 68; G Day (US), 73, 72; A Binaghi (It), 73, 72; J Hobday, 74, 71; M Martin (Sp), 72, 73; S Torrance, 72, 73; K Waters, 74, 71; S Bowman (US), 70, 75; *J Payne 73 72. 146: J Quiros (Sp), 74, 72; P O'Malley (Aus), 75, 71; D Smyth, 76, 70; G Joyner (Aus), 73, 73; R Rafferty, 79, 67; B Barnes, 71, 75; C Mason, 76, 70; B Lane, 71, 75; E Darcy, 75, 71; *R Willison, 74, 72; P Baker, 73, 73.

147: D J Russell, 79, 68; *G Evans, 74, 73, A Garrido (Sp), 72, 75; D Llewellyn, 71, 76; *A Coltart, 75, 72; D Cooper, 74, 73; V Singh (Fiji), 75, 72; I Mosey, 74, 73; G Levenson (SA), 70, 77, M Persson, 75, 72; C Parry (Aus), 74, 73; M McLean, 71, 76

* denotes amateur

Russell and Hussain worthy of returns

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

WHEN the contentious places in England's team for the Test match with Sri Lanka, starting next Thursday, were debated by the selectors last night, it might have been a case of simply lining up all the usual suspects. High on the agenda, *for instance, were the emotive* issues of whether Botham should retain his place and whether Hick, Lamb and perhaps even Gower should regain theirs.

It will be a surprise if the answer, to the first question, is not yes and, to the second, no in all three cases. It will also, however, be a shame if discussion was dominated by these glamorous names, for seldom have the selectors had such a chance to consider one or two youngsters without fear that the occasion and the opposition would overwhelm them.

Sri Lanka have regressed in the past few years and their performances against some under-strength county teams have been little short of pitiful. This might normally have been enough to extinguish public interest in the one-off Test at Lord's but, at the moment, we are not living in normal times.

The euphoria resulting from victory over West Indies at the Oval will to some extent filter into this match in terms of turnstile support. It will also have a bearing on the selectors, who will not be anxious to tamper with their winning team, no matter that it was announced as a side for a specific mission.

If one change can be assumed it is surely the return of Russell as wicketkeeper. Stewart let nobody down at the Oval and the gamble might, in fact, be seen as a selectorial triumph. Collecting on one long shot, though, does not often indicate placing the cash on the same horse in a different field, and so it is with Stewart.

He is a near certainty to make the winter tour, largely for his all-round excellence in one-day cricket, and the only question is whether he should play against Sri Lanka as a specialist batsman.

The vacancy is ready made, Atherton having surrendered to the need for surgery on his back, and filling it with Stewart would be a reward for his efforts at the Oval.

More appropriate to the affairs at hand, however, might be the inclusion of Hussain, who has come through turbulent times since his senior tour to the Caribbean last year and is now back at his best. He made another century yesterday for Essex, fittingly in partnership with his captain and mentor, Gooch.

There will be a temptation to bring back Hick, in the hope that he makes runs when Ambrose is out of sight. Sadly, he is not yet out of mind and Hick's continued failures against seam bowling indicate a chronic technical disorder.

Lamb can only be reinstated if the selectors are desperate to take him on the winter tour, which they ought not to be, and whereas recalling Gower at the Oval would have been pragmatic, here it would simply be romantic, something to which neither Gooch nor Micky Stewart is prone.

Reeve deserves a Test match, after an outstanding all-round season for Warwickshire, but Botham had such a beneficial impact last week that he is entitled to continue, this time batting one place higher, so long as it is established that he is available for the entire winter.

The four main bowlers must remain but as Pringle's capabilities are familiar, it would be sensible to include a promising young bowler in the 12. If an extra seam bowler is thought desirable it should be Munton or Watkins; a second spin bowler might either be Salisbury or Glamorgan's gifted Robert Croft.

My 12 would be: Gooch, Morris, Smith, Hussain, Ramprakash, Botham, Lewis, Russell, DeFreitas, Lawrence, Tufnell, Croft.

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Relaxed Maradona looking a million dollars

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

This week, this column brings you news from the place where no *journos are allowed: Diego's* bunker in Buenos Aires. Maradona is in the throes of trying to rebuild his life, having traversed a sea of sorrows. He looks, I am told, "sensational"; he has lost weight and appears years *younger. He is showing* a relaxed and affable face to the few people he sees, and after all his troubles, he is very lovey-dovey with his long-suffering wife. He is living very much out of the world — for example, he had not heard *that* Ossie Ardiles, *another* Argentinian international, had been made manager of Newcastle United.

He has been treated for his addiction to cocaine, and plans to continue psychological treatment for a long time yet. *He has talked a great deal* about his involvement with drugs, and is desperately eager for rehabilitation — in particular, for *public* rehabilitation. "I want to be very open about how I got into drugs. In a very serious way," he said.

This all comes from Mike Chrisman, associate producer of Thames TV's *This Week*, who visited Diego with a view to making a news programme. But alas, it is unlikely to be made: Diego's handlers decided that they wanted $2 million for access. Is it a wonder that superstars go mad?

Tyson's troubles

Talking of which, Mike Tyson gets into deeper trouble by the week. Already being sued for $100 million by a former Miss Black America, and accused by a *Miss Black America* contestant of rape, Tyson is now being sued for a further $21 million by the man who runs the pageant, because he allegedly made "lewd and perverted remarks" to 11 of the 23 Miss Black America contestants. J. Morris Anderson, owner of the Miss Black America Pageant, has spoken about "Tyson's history as a serial buttock fondler of black women and a perpetrator of lewd and disrespectful acts against black women of the most vulgar type". This statement could be rewritten in the interests of clarity. And one cannot help but feel that to organise something called a Miss Black America Pageant is also a lewd and disrespectful act.

When in Rome?

This is big-name week in this column, all right: onward to Gazza. To my delight, I hear that the Italians really do pronounce this *Gah-tzah*. His transfer to Lazio was largely the work of one man, who tied himself into knots in his determination to bring Paul Gascoigne to Rome. This was the Lazio president, Gianmarco Calleri. Now it seems that Calleri has decided to sell out, in favour of a man named Sergio Cragnotto. The story was broken in one Roman newspaper, and resoundingly denied in another, but the consensus in Rome is that Calleri will sell out by February . . . six months before the likely arrival of the man he had set his heart on. *Gah-tzah* could end up going to a club where nobody wants him.

Strong claims

One more big name, or, at least, a pretty big chap. *Remember* Geoff Capes, the strongest man in the universe, and former British international shot putter? He turned professional, and has been making money in gimmicky events like strongman competitions and *pantomimes*. But he is likely to take up his amateur status again — these things are fluid and pretty well irrelevant these days, after all — and will begin competing domestically, with a long-term aim of returning to international comepetition and putting the shot at the Olympics next year. The event is in pretty poor shape in this country, and Capes's ten-year-old record of 21.68 metres still stands. Capes has been going to a lot of athletics meetings, because his 17-year-old daughter, Emma, is now shot putting. It is unlikely that Capes could throw as far as he used to, but standards in that event have fallen all over the world since people got serious about drugs testing. He will be 42 next Friday, but is still strong, fit and eager.

☐ *The Melbourne Cup, the biggest horse-racing event in Australia, could have two very strong entries from the Soviet Union when the race is run on November 5. They are called Talgar and Formalist: they have both been working stylishly since their arrival in Australia ten weeks ago, and have each won convincingly on their only outing. "I wasn't sure what to expect," their trainer, Brian Ralph, said. "But this is tremendous."*

The gutter gallop

A new method of training, one certain to improve your times by ten per cent, has been *revealed* in an American-based triathlon magazine. Try kerb-running, they said. This means you run along the road with one foot on the pavement, and the other in the gutter. Then you turn round and come back the other way. Needless to say, people took this up in their droves. Later the magazine admitted that this was a hoax. Ah well. As a famous person, one who never got round to doing the triathlon, once remarked, we are all of us in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

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